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Owen predicts summit 'breakthrough to peace'

■ Bosnia's leaders know that Bill Clinton is ready to use force if they do not agree in Athens. The Bosnian Serbs may yet crush this last hope for peace

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK, MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND NICHOLAS WOOD IN LONDON

LORD OWEN predicted a "breakthrough" to peace in the former Yugoslavia as the factions last night prepared to travel to this weekend's summit meeting in Athens on Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In an interview with *The Times* at the United Nations in New York, the European Community mediator indicated that he expected Belgrade to persuade the Bosnian Serbs to sign the EC-UN peace plan.

"The reason that we have called this meeting is that we have growing confidence that the three presidents mean business," Lord Owen said, referring to the leaders of the rump Yugoslavia, Serbia and Montenegro. He cautioned that "it's not in the bag yet".

But with President Clinton set to complete his own policy over the weekend, Washington continued to take a gloomy view of the prospects. In Pale, Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader who holds the key to the success or failure of this last-ditch effort to head off possible military action by the West, said he believed the talks would make enough progress to permit his parliament to accept the peace plan when it meets on Wednesday. UN officials involved in the talks said the most likely prospect was that Mr Karadzic would sign the remaining parts of the Vance-Owen plan in Athens tomorrow.

The two remaining documents, which have been accepted by the Muslim-led Bosnian government and the Bosnian Croats but not the Bosnian Serbs, are the proposed map dividing the republic into ten semi-autonomous republics and the proposed interim arrangements before a new constitution comes into force. The map requires the Bosnian Serbs to surrender about 40 per cent of the territory they now control.

"If we get the Bosnian Serbs to sign the next two documents, we have made the absolutely crucial step," Lord Owen said. "We have got a peace settlement. We then have to implement it. Then that is going to be a matter of bringing together as quickly as possible a credible and substantial peacekeeping force.

"But if we don't make progress and the Bosnian Serb assembly refuses to sign, there will an ultimatum given to the Yugoslav government to pull the rug out from under them effectively. We all know they can do that."

Lord Owen said the crucial moment in his recent round of negotiations in the Balkans came last Sunday when, at a late lunch in Belgrade, Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, stretched back in his chair, put his arms behind his head and said he had decided to support the peace plan.

"He said to me: 'I feel relaxed with this decision', and I thought that was the moment when he had made an important decision, and he knew he had made an important decision," Lord Owen said.

President Clinton, highly sceptical of this weekend's peace talks, will today decide on a tough new approach to ending the Bosnian conflict that looked increasingly certain to comprise a lifting of the arms embargo against Bosnia's Muslims and the threat of air strikes against Serb targets. Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, will arrive in London late tomorrow for the start of a whistlestop tour of European capitals to try aggressively to

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MONICA SELES KNIFE ATTACK



Monica Seles, the top-ranked tennis player, was attacked by a spectator with a knife while playing in a tournament in Hamburg yesterday. She received a 1in cut in her back and was taken to hospital after being attended on court. Miss Seles, aged 19, an ethnic Hungarian from Serbia, lists her country as Yugoslavia.

RIDDLE OF YACHTSMAN LOST IN THE ATLANTIC

ADRIAN RAYSON



Sea adventure: Bill Vincent winding a winch on the foredeck of *Heath Insured* on the Cape Horn leg of the race

Tearaway with a round-the-world dream

BY RAY CLANCY AND BARRY PICKTHALL

MYSTERY last night surrounded the disappearance of an amateur yachtsman, Bill Vincent. He is missing, presumed dead, after falling overboard while taking part in the British Steel Challenge round the world race.

Mr Vincent, 47, a carpenter, had paid £15,000 to fulfil a childhood dream by competing in the race. He was crewing on the deck of the 67 ft *Heath Insured* when he appeared to lose his footing. According to Adrian Donovan, the yacht's skipper, he had been easing the spinnaker forward.

Fellow competitors said Mr Vincent, who called himself a tearaway, had become one of the most charismatic characters involved in the race. He never made any secret of a past which included time spent in custody and frequent brushes with the law. While in Rio de Janeiro he made a point of seeking out Ronnie Biggs, the fugitive Great Train Robber. He grew a long grey beard and had his left ear pierced after rounding Cape Horn, the traditional sailor's mark for a Cape Horner. He became the official barber within the fleet and set up shop at each port to cut the hair of many of the crew.

Fellow members Samantha Brewster, 24, and Carol Randall, 33, saw Mr Vincent disappear off the stern. Within seconds a marker buoy was launched and the search began on Thursday night in the Atlantic 450 miles south of the Ivory Coast.

His wife, Pauline, a teacher, said at her home in Bath, Avon: "He knew the risks and still wanted to do it. We are devastated."

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Ministers question Matrix disclosure

BY MICHAEL DYNES AND CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

DISCLOSURE of secret documents showing government knowledge of Britain's role in re-arming Iraq has caused immense damage to national security and should never have been made in court, ministers have told *The Times*.

The decision of a judge to release some 500 pages of confidential documents, which led to the collapse of last year's Matrix Churchill trial at the Old Bailey, has led some ministers to question the powers of the judiciary where the "national interest" is at stake.

The next phase of the judicial enquiry headed by Lord Justice Scott into the arms-to-Iraq scandal, set up by John Major in the wake of the collapse of the trial, is due to start on Tuesday.

Judge Brian Smedley's rejection at the trial of four applications for Public Interest Immunity certificates, which would have blocked the release of documents showing that the government knew of, and even encouraged, arms-related exports to Iraq, shocked and angered ministers. They feel that at the very least immunity certificates should be more watertight in future. Others have hinted that there could be a case for legislative changes which would make it virtually impossible for a judge to refuse ministers' requests.

Any attempt to change the balance of power between executive and judiciary would, however, be likely to provoke uproar in the Commons and undermine Mr Major's commitment to open government.

Immunity certificates are designed to prevent the disclosure of sensitive security information. They are drafted by government legal advisers, signed by ministers, and decided upon by judges.

In the Matrix Churchill trial, the documents released

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Jeweller strikes golden jackpot

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A FAMILY firm of goldsmiths in Shropshire has achieved the modern equivalent of medieval alchemy by discovering a way to mass produce almost pure, hard gold.

The technology means that, for the first time, jewellery makers have an efficient and cost-effective method of casting rings and bracelets made from a metal known as 990, which is 23.75 carat. Pure gold, which is 24 carat, is rarely used for jewellery because it is too soft.

The breakthrough could open up a multibillion-pound market in the Far East, where there is a vast appetite for trinkets made from high-quality gold. It could also be valuable for microchip firms.

The 990 gold, which is 99 per cent gold and 1 per cent titanium, was developed in the 1980s by a team at the German Precious Metals Research Institute, near Stuttgart, with funding from the World Gold Council. But highly sophisticated equipment and technical skill was required to produce it.

The new process developed by Hugh McDermott, a goldsmith with 30 years' experience, works without elaborate equipment and can be used by the humblest goldsmith. Mr McDermott, who is managing director of Telford, has been working on the technique for more than a year with his sons Matthew, 26, and Christopher, 22. He is keeping the development a commercial secret.

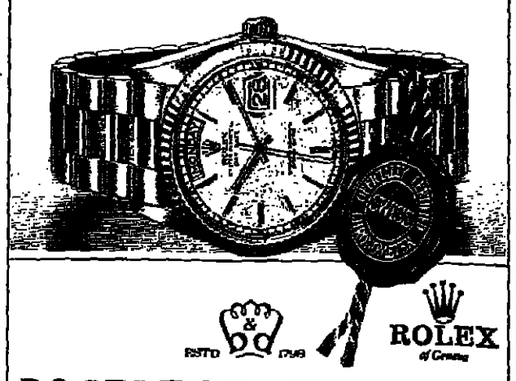
Mr McDermott, who has begun exporting unfinished jewellery made from the 990 metal to China, has seen demand rise by 47 per cent or 270 tonnes, which is stretching his small family firm to the limits.

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Britain's most wanted men



THESE security camera pictures showing the two IRA men who planted the Bishopsgate lorry bomb a week ago were released yesterday by police.

The enhanced images show the two men walking away after leaving the tipper lorry packed with explosives. Both wore hooded jackets to conceal their faces, possibly aware that they might be recorded on security cameras.

Commander David Tucker, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, said he was convinced that these were the men who had left the lorry, as witnesses had confirmed seeing them get out of it.

Photographs taken outside Harrods before another bomb earlier this year led to arrests within hours.

☐ The parish clerk of St Ethelburga, the medieval church devastated by the bomb, yesterday called for a rebuilding appeal and asked *The Times* to help to promote the campaign.

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Moderates join testing boycott

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE moderate Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) yesterday voted to join the boycott of this term's classroom tests, as the government announced a delay in reorganising the grading of GCSE.

Overwhelming support for the boycott in the least militant of the three unions balloting members dashed government hopes that calls for industrial action would be rejected. With the National Union of Teachers likely to follow suit this month, few schools are expected to complete this year's testing and assessment.

John Patten, the education secretary, continued to resist demands for the tests to be suspended. But in a small concession to critics he announced the unexpected delay in the restructuring of GCSE grading to give Sir Ron Dearing the maximum flexibility in his review of the national curriculum. The planned switch of GCSE to the ten-level scale used throughout the national curriculum, which was to have taken place in September 1994, will be delayed by at least a year.

Teacher unions welcomed the move, but urged Mr Patten to reconsider his attitude to this term's tests. David Hart, of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "The ATL vote virtually guarantees that every school in the country will be affected by the boycott of this year's testing and assessment."

On a 57 per cent turnout of ATL members involved in the tests, four out of five backed the boycott. Peter Smith, the association's general secretary, said: "It is a decisive result, an unignorable message to John Patten. The ATL is not known as a trigger-happy union when it comes to industrial action and the concern shown by our members is probably a litmus test for the feelings on this issue among teachers."

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Geeing up the voters with fun, fuzzy felt and false teeth

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Liberal Democrats in the horse-racing constituency of Newbury can relax: their by-election candidate has the gee-gee vote. Journalists giggled yesterday as David Rendel proudly waved a sheath of quotes from satisfied voters headed by one from a "Mr G. G." of Mortimer.

It took Mr Rendel a few seconds to see the joke. Rather slow off the mark, he nevertheless comes across as a decent cove, straightforward and slightly old-fashioned. Menzies Campbell, the visiting Scottish Liberal Democrat MP, described his party's mood at Newbury as "quiet optimism", which is Lib-DemSpeak for despair, but they may be in for a surprise. Their candidate at least took the morning's prize for unscripted humour. Asked whether he could honestly claim that he had never in his career been economical with the truth or told a white lie, Mr Rendel replied "never". He paused. "But that may be a white lie," he said.

More letters from satisfied voters followed. The testimonies took on the air of one of those Victorian puffs for patent devices ... "Your delightful single transferable vote mechanism, with added proportional representation, has brought hours of pleasure to all my family!" *(Mr P.A. of Yeovil).* "S-off, Liberal scum." *(Baroness T of G).*

It's easy to laugh at the Liberals in their makeshift breeze-block conference hall festooned with orange cardboard, but there is good-humoured spontaneity, and sincerity, about their campaign which the Tories seem to have lost. If I see one more themed designer-rostrum in pastel and navy blue fuzzy-felt, one more deft "minder" clinging like a sinister limpet to one more Tory candidate's arm, and one more pin-striped hopeful 30lb heavier in puppy fat than he ought to be, and 30 ideas lighter in originality, I shall scream. It must be years since trace-elements of personality have been identified in the inert gases surrounding the modern Tory by-election campaign.

Julian Davidson may be a thinker, may have a political brain, may be a barrel of laughs, may care about someone or something, but how would you know? They wouldn't let you. So unrelenting nowadays is Tory Central Office's grip on these occasions that every candidate is beaten into a bland automaton, every question kicked into touch. A smooth-shaven campaigner with a smooth campaign: colourless, tasteless and odourless — this, the Tories believe, is the way to minimise risk. Such is the media blood-lust for eccentricity that they may be right.

Their guest yesterday was Virginia Bottomley. Easily the most effective public performer in the cabinet, Mrs Bottomley wore an outfit of power-padded green felt. Placed against the pale blue fuzzy-felt of the backdrop, she looked like a stick-on adornment to the day's montage.

Friday? Stick Bottomley cut-out next to Candidate and beneath banner *Julian Davidson: A Strong Voice for Local People.* Saturday? Heaving banner and candidate in place, remove Bottomley and apply Heath and Seb Coe.

Labour gave us the last laugh. Its candidate, Steve Billcliffe, was to spend the morning visiting a false-teeth factory, described in the hand-out as a "major denture manufacturer" and further refined into "orthodontic appliances" by the candidate's minder, Peter Mandelson. Health spokesman Dawn Primarolo told us that, such was the collapse of NHS dentistry, that old people were now tragically attempting to extract their own teeth. Asked for examples, she replied that she'd read about such a case in the *Daily Mirror.*

Asked how Labour explained Britain's new "feel-good factor", Mr Billcliffe said he thought this might be something to do with the sunny weather. "The question being, whether the economic climate proves stable," interjected Mandelson hastily. Deep! Shades of Peter Sellers' character in the film *Being There.* By some mischance, his by-election press release was headed: "Bye-election".

Police issue new video images of City bombers

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

ENHANCED video pictures of two men planting the IRA bomb in Bishopsgate in the City of London were released by police yesterday in the hope that they would lead to the arrest of the bombers.

The men, wearing hooded jackets to hide their faces, are shown parking a tipper truck and making their escape from the area on foot.

The first man, seen getting out of the driver's side of the lorry, is between 5ft 8in and 5ft 9in tall and is stockily built. He is wearing a slate grey, three-quarter length anorak and dark trousers. Immediately he gets out of the lorry he pulls the hood up and walks briskly away in a southerly direction. His passenger is slimmer and about 5ft 9in tall, wearing pale light-blue jeans and a blue and white mottled denim jacket with a hooded jogging top underneath. He also has the hood pulled up to hide his face.

As the driver walks away his left hand is placed in his pocket. A few steps later he places his right hand in his jacket pocket as well. As he moves out of camera shot he glances back over his right shoulder towards where the bomb was planted.

As the pictures were issued, Commander David Tucker, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, said: "We are convinced these are the two men who left the lorry and it is reasonable to assume they are the bombers." He said witnesses had confirmed seeing them getting out of the lorry. Nobody saw their faces but he believed they were still distinctive enough for someone to recognise them.

Mr Tucker appealed to anyone in Bishopsgate, Leadenhall or near Aldgate Underground station at about 9am last Saturday to contact police. He asked: "Did these men catch the Tube? Did they meet someone else? Did they get into another car? They are a pair; did anyone see them early that morning or in the preceding two or three days anywhere in the London area or beyond."

Mr Tucker said the two men climbed out of the cab around the same time but then split up immediately, the driver walking 20 to 30 yards ahead of his accomplice. He said they made a fairly deliberate attempt not to be seen together.

Mr Tucker also repeated an appeal for help in tracing the movements of the lorry, stolen on March 20 from Staffordshire, which was later painted blue. He said it would have involved a large conversion job and he needed to know where the work was carried out.

Owen Kelly, Commissioner of the City of London police, said all the security videos belonging to businesses and offices in the area had been checked. The pictures released had the clearest images but they had found others which could prove helpful.

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GEATON COTTON



Show of force: New Age travellers resisting police as they tried to move them off farmland near Stratford-upon-Avon yesterday. One of the 100 officers was injured when a brick hit his back (Richard Duce writes). Two people on shire horses rode at the police and others hurled stones, bottles and cans. Police were brought in to enforce an eviction order on the 200 travellers who had moved on to disused Coombe Farm, at Ettingham, Warwickshire, for a May Day festival. Three people were arrested.

Ministers question Matrix disclosure

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by the judge were crucial in the destruction of the prosecution's case that three directors of the Coventry-based firm had illegally exported proscribed goods to Iraq.

One of the lawyers in the Matrix Churchill case yesterday expressed dismay at the ministers' comments. He said: "This is absolutely outrageous. What the government is concerned about is not justice but avoiding embarrassment."

In an earlier case four executives of Ordtech, a military engineering company, were convicted of illegally selling arms to Jordan knowing they were destined for Iraq. In that case the judge accepted the government's certificates. Now all four are seeking leave to appeal.

It emerged yesterday that Jordan was prepared to give evidence to the Scott enquiry that it acted as a conduit for arms to Iraq with the approval of the British government. Fouad Ayoub, the Jordanian ambassador, told BBC radio's *Special Assignment* yesterday that their actions were "no secret" in the West.

Mr Ayoub said: "Many countries, including western countries and Arab countries, were keen to see that Iraqi military capability then remained undiminished."

The material that was alleged to have been shipped to Iraq, prior to President Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, included weapons and equipment which gave Baghdad an independent armaments manufacturing capability.

Lord Justice Scott in the same programme confirmed that he would be calling Lady Thatcher to give evidence before his enquiry.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Lords opposed to treaty referendum

Euro-sceptics hoping to use the Lords to trigger a Maastricht referendum suffered a severe blow yesterday. A survey of 200 peers carried out by ITN's *Parliament Programme* found little support for a referendum. It was supported by only 26 per cent, with 67 per cent opposed, and the remainder undecided or refusing to answer (Nicholas Woods writes).

Nearly all peers were opposed to rejoining the exchange-rate mechanism, but such a step would be required under the treaty, said William Cash, a Tory opponent of Maastricht. The finding is a boost for John Major with the Commons preparing to move into the final stages of debate.

Legal aid changes stand

The Law Society failed yesterday in its High Court attempt to stop the Lord Chancellor from changing the way solicitors are paid for legal aid work in magistrates' courts. Lord Mackay of Clashfern was accused of "illegally and irrationally" deciding to replace hourly rates with standard fees from June. The court ruled that he had acted within his powers. Lord Justice Leggatt, sitting with Mr Justice McCullough, said that he had been given "a broad discretion" to introduce regulations and had exercised his powers lawfully.

BA cabin crew strike

British Airways cabin crew at Gatwick airport are to strike tomorrow over a pay and conditions dispute. The crews, members of the Transport and General Workers' Union, work on short-haul routes and are protesting at plans to transfer their work to a subsidiary company which they say will lead to lower pay and worse conditions. BA said most short-haul services would operate normally but flights on several European routes could be affected. Passengers were advised to call 0345 222111 for information.

Whistle-blower accused

Stanley Adams, the man who exposed price-fixing by the Swiss drugs company Hoffman-La Roche in the 1970s, was yesterday remanded in custody until next Tuesday on a charge of trying to get another man to murder his wife. Maltese-born Mr Adams, 66, of Chilthorne Domer, near Yeovil, Somerset, a former secretary and agent of Yeovil Labour party, was accused at Yeovil of attempting to persuade Anthony Cox to murder his wife, Deborah Adams, between August 1 last year and April 29 this year.

Observer sale referral

Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, said in a Commons written reply yesterday that *The Guardian's* offer to buy the *Observer* may not have to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission if he were "satisfied that the paper was not economic as a going concern and, if the paper was to continue, the case was one of urgency".

Murder suspect held

Derby magistrates granted police a further 36 hours yesterday to question a man about the murder of Deborah Buxton, 35, who was stabbed on a riverbank at Marston on Dove, near Derby, while walking her two dogs on Tuesday. The man, 27, who is single and lives near by, was arrested on suspicion of murder on Wednesday.

Wren wins sex bias case

A former Wren yesterday won her claim for sexual discrimination against the Royal Navy for discharging her after she refused to give up her baby. Narissa Jones, 26, of Hilsea, Portsmouth, won £7,770 after the chairman of an industrial tribunal at Southampton rebuked the Ministry of Defence for "cavalier" behaviour.

Hope fades for Sir Roy

Sir Roy Watts, the Thames Water chairman who vanished from his London home by the Thames three days ago, is probably dead, according to police. Stretches of the river were being searched last night and frogmen were standing by to join the hunt. Sir Roy was told last week that he had Parkinson's disease.

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BY BILL FROST

FINE weather across much of the country yesterday encouraged tens of thousands of motorists to begin the bank holiday weekend early.

Heavy traffic was reported on routes to the West Country and south coast resorts from mid-afternoon. The motoring organisations predicted the traditional tailbacks and advised drivers to ensure their radiators were full as the temperature climbed.

The forecasters warned holidaymakers to make the best of the good weather today as the bank holiday is expected to live up to its reputation for overcast skies and heavy showers.

Areas currently basking in sunshine will find temperatures plunging from the low 70s to the chilly mid-50s tomorrow and cloud and rain are likely to cover much of the country by Monday. Grey skies and drizzle are expected to predominate across most areas by this evening, with heavy showers moving in across Britain, possibly with thunder in some places.

Tomorrow will begin cloudy or misty over most parts of Britain, with patchy light rain moving in from the west, but may brighten up in the west later. Bank Holiday Monday is expected to start with outbreaks of rain. Most parts of Britain will be overcast, although the sun may try to break through in the West, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

One apologetic forecaster at the London Weather Centre said yesterday: "It doesn't seem fair."

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Times is asked to help save City church

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE parish clerk of St Ethelburga Bishopgate, the medieval church devastated by the IRA bomb last Saturday, yesterday called for a rebuilding appeal and asked *The Times* to help in promoting the campaign.

Paul Sutherland, former church warden at St Ethelburga, is determined to keep the church alive as a pre-Reformation Christian presence in the City of London. With the help of *The Times*, he believes the church can be saved. The diocese has made no decisions yet, but church leaders are determined that the site will remain sacred. Three public relations companies have already offered free help to run an appeal.

Churchmen have lost their original scepticism about the church being rebuilt, and archaeologists say that all the various elements of the building have been saved.

Mr Sutherland, who works for London Transport, said: "There is an awful lot more of the fabric standing than I was led to believe. It is grade-one listed, and it would be unthinkable to demolish what is left. I have been worshipping at St Ethelburga since the 1970s. Services stopped more than two years ago, when it stopped being a guild church and was taken into the neighbouring parish of St Helen's." There were plans for it to become a chapel of ease, for prayer and meditation for City workers.

"I think we have to rebuild around what is left. It would be a pastiche and lack architectural integrity to reconstruct a medieval church," Mr Sutherland added.

The final decision of what happens to St Ethelburga rests with the London diocese of the Church of England.

☐ *Details of the appeal will be published in* The Times *next week.*

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There are few destinations where the natural beauty is unsullied by commercialism, which have a strong local identity and an element of timelessness. We have been fortunate to find a place where these qualities have been preserved, hidden away in northern Portugal on the Douro, which has only recently become navigable to a variety of vessels, revealing magnificent scenery, picturesque riverine ports, quintas and wineries.

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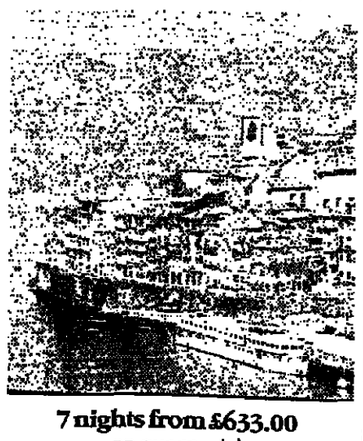
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By Alan Hamilton

■ Buckingham Palace has yet to decide how to control the crowds that will make it the summer's most popular attraction

BUCKINGHAM Palace was yesterday flooded with bookings which promise to make it London's most sought-after tourist attraction this summer. A special telephone number was busy all day with requests for the public to see for the first time the State Apartments of the Queen's London home.

Palace officials were unable to say how many bookings had been taken, but indicated they were coming in faster than for seats at a Lloyd Webber musical. They stressed that pre-booking was available only for parties and the disabled; individual tourists would have to queue at the gate, with no guarantee of admission.

Visitors will be admitted to the Palace precincts at Ambassadors' Gate, on the corner of Buckingham Gate. They will then follow a prescribed and roped-off route through the State Apartments in what is likely to be an endless, shuffling crocodile. There will be no human guides, but some kind of audio-visual guide to the rooms and their contents is being considered.

Officials calculate that they will be able to process about 1,000 visitors an hour, a figure they regard as comfortably within the limits of the building. By comparsion, the Jewel House at the Tower of London at peak periods handles 1,500 visitors an hour, but the crush is so unsatisfactory that the Crown Jewels are shortly to be moved to a more spacious setting.

A special office has been set up in St James's Palace to deal with the tidal wave of enquiries (telephone number 071-930 5526). The telephones are being manned throughout the bank holiday weekend and then during normal working hours. Individuals will be told only that the apartments will be open for about eight weeks from Saturday, August 7, and that admission will be £8 for adults, £5.50 for the over-60s and £4 for the under-17s.

The Palace said yesterday that it was still working on a queuing system, but promised it would be "a properly professional operation", with visitors told at regular intervals how long they could expect to wait before gaining admission. Staff are considering a system of selling tickets in advance, as operated at the Tower of London, but there an advance ticket avoids only queuing at the booking office inside; holders still have to queue, sometimes for lengthy periods, to enter the main gate.

The Palace stressed yesterday that the private apartments will remain firmly off-limits and that no members of the royal family will be in residence during the public opening period.

Tourists will be subject to rigid security checks. All bags and luggage, apart from handbags, will be banned, and no photography will be allowed.

☐ Buckingham Palace has yet to determine how best to allocate tickets (Ian Murray writes). A spokesman said: "We do not want all the places booked by foreign tourists. The intention is to allow the Queen's fellow taxpayers to see round and provision will certainly be made for them."

One idea being considered to prevent tour companies and ticket touts acquiring most of the available tickets is a timetable allotting different hours or days to private visitors and group tours.

Companies specialising in trips for foreign visitors yesterday jammed the bookings number number set up to arrange group tours. A spokesman at the Japan Travel Bureau said: "At the moment, our clients are happy to just stand outside and we allow ten minutes in our programme for them to do that. However, we will be rearranging our tours now to allow for a proper visit. The important thing is that they must be properly timed because our people will not want to waste their time in London standing in a queue."

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No fire certificate at royal attraction

By Tony Dawe

BUCKINGHAM Palace, due to open to the public as a direct consequence of the Windsor Castle fire, does not possess a fire certificate, it was learnt yesterday.

Like other royal buildings and thousands of government offices, the Palace cannot be forced to obtain one because it enjoys crown immunity from prosecution. Officials have begun discussions with government fire inspectors to obtain a certificate but it is unlikely one will be granted before the Palace opens the gates to its first public visitors.

Experts say the Palace contains some of the hazards that helped the Windsor fire spread so rapidly. Safety specialists and MPs yesterday criticised this "anomaly" in the law and called on Palace administrators to review fire safety procedures.

"It cannot be sensible to invite large numbers of people into a Palace which is itself exempt from normal safety standards and checks," Alan Williams, a Labour MP and former minister, said. "The government imposes fire safety regulations on virtually every other commercial operator who opens to the public, and now is the time to review the whole question of crown immunity."

The Palace is being opened, at the Queen's suggestion, to raise money for repairs to Windsor Castle. The castle did not have a fire certificate and safety experts claimed the blaze spread quickly because adequate fire precautions had not been taken.

Some of the problems at Windsor are also present in the parts of the Palace which the public will visit. Those include hidden voids behind panelling and in roof spaces through which fire can spread unchecked. The Palace has no sprinkler system and its decorative features, including furnishings and paintings, add to the fire risk.

Fire chiefs have expressed anger at being required to provide personnel to fight fires in crown properties without having any control over fire precautions in the buildings.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said yesterday that the building had an extensive fire prevention system.



On the stomp: handkerchiefs, tassles and bells in Parliament Square yesterday

Dancers bang drum for May Day

WHEN Oliver Cromwell tried to abolish May Day in 1648, people died in the ensuing riots (James Landale writes). Yesterday, 200 Morris men and women gathered at the House of Commons to protest against the government's proposals to abolish it. They booed Cromwell's statue.

The trouble started last December when an employment department paper suggested moving the May Day bank holiday to October after complaints that there were too many bank holidays around Easter. Keith Leach, chief bogey man of the Mad Jacks of Hastings, said: "It is like saying you can have Christmas day on another day. Have you ever heard of an October pole?" He said that if the government had to move May Day, it should choose November 5. "Then we could celebrate the person who tried to burn Parliament down. They deserve it."

May Day, traditionally the first day of May, has coincided with Labour Day since its revival by the Labour party in 1978. Mr Leach said that the government wanted to abolish it because of its "socialist" links. Keith Hill, Labour MP for Streatham, south London, agreed. "May Day is not a Bolshevik invention. It is a great English tradition."

Mr Leach, who this weekend hosts the traditional mad jack in the green festival at Hastings, East Sussex, said: "The government is supposed to have a conservative attitude to preserving our traditions but in this case they obviously have no idea of England's heritage and national identity."

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Baby found dead after gunman kills mother

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

A BABY snatched by a gunman who killed her mother on a Luton street was reported to have been found dead last night.

A child's body was found a few hours after the shooting beside the white van used by the killer. A police spokesman said last night: "The body of a baby has been found, but we cannot confirm the identity at this stage."

Police across Britain joined the hunt for the man, described as extremely dangerous by Chief Insp Colin Woolf of Luton police.

Earlier, police had appealed for information about the man's Bedford van, index number WAP 872Y, and expressed concern for the safety of the seven-month-old baby.

The mother, in her 20s, died when she was confronted by the man in Milton Street, Luton, yesterday lunchtime as she walked with a man friend.

The gunman, also believed to come from the area, jumped from the white van with a shotgun. He seized the baby girl and then shot the woman in the head.

Police would not confirm last night reports that the man with the mother was also shot at.

Mr Woolf would not identify the victim, or the gunman, but said the shooting may have been the result of a domestic dispute. One report suggested the man was the dead woman's former husband.

Mr Woolf said: "No weapon was found at the scene so we must assume he still has the firearm. The man must be viewed as an extremely dangerous individual.

"We are urging him to give himself up. This is the only way the situation can be resolved."

A police surgeon pronounced the woman dead at the scene from several head wounds.

Her body lay under a tent on the pavement while police started a fingertip search for shotgun cartridges and other evidence. The area was cordoned off for several hours.

Anne Jones, who lives in the house closest to the shooting, said: "The outside of my home was swarming with police and ambulance people. As I got closer I could see the pavement was covered in blood. It was a horrific sight."

Harold Kilby, who lives near by, said: "There were two loud bangs and I could see a huge pool of blood by the woman."

Worker's suicide tape told of corruption

By Ronald Faux

AN ADMINISTRATION officer with British Nuclear Fuels committed suicide when the company investigated allegations that work had been carried out on the homes of staff by company contractors, an inquest at Warrington, Cheshire, was told yesterday.

Malcolm Lees, 48, from Warrington, died at his home in February from an overdose of drugs and alcohol. A tape recorder by his side contained a message to his mother.

John Hibbert, Cheshire county coroner, read extracts from the tape in which Mr Lees said: "If I were to tell the truth it would bring down a lot of people, very important people. I don't want to do that with the investigation going on. It is far better for me to take this way out and then nobody gets hurt. It is far better that the system tells the truth and the system can handle it."

Harold Bolter, director of corporate affairs and company secretary, has since resigned after admitting that bills for work on two houses he owned had been sent to the company. Brian Kerr, employee communications manager, has also left.

The company said yesterday that no other members of staff were implicated.

The coroner said that the investigation had obviously been causing Mr Lees considerable concern. "It is not for me to say whether this concern was rightly or wrongly held. Rightly or wrongly, he decided that this was the right way out."

The verdict was that Mr Lees took his own life.

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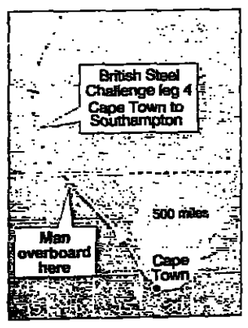
"The usual analogy is with Jimmy Carter, whose micro-management was widely regarded as a cause of his downfall. But in fact, Clinton's closest parallel is Margaret Thatcher, whose tirelessness and



mastery of policy detail he equals. But Thatcher had something Clinton doesn't: an extremely clear ideological direction, which ensured that all that energy was marshalled to tangible ends..."

Andrew Sullivan on President Clinton's first 99 days – in The Sunday Times tomorrow

Novice started round-the-world adventure with midnight dash



By Barry Pickthall

BILL Vincent was one of the first to sign up for the British Steel Challenge yacht race around the world. The 47-year-old carpenter heard of the event the day it was announced, while watching ITN's *News at Ten*, and was so struck by this chance of a lifetime that he got in his car and drove immediately to London to enter.

Undaunted by the fact that he had never sailed before, or the £15,000 entry fee, he underwent two years of intensive training before the race. The training included extensive man-overboard trials.

Chay Blyth, the record-breaking yachtsman who inspired and organised the race around the world, yesterday visited Mr Vincent's family. "We are all extremely saddened by this tragic event. Everything possible was done to rescue Bill," he said.

In Rio de Janeiro, after the first 7,000-mile stage, Mr Vincent was enthusiastic about the challenges he faced.

"This is a real adventure. I never had the opportunity to travel before. The race has given me a whole new outlook on life," he said. Like the many amateurs who came to the race from all walks of life, he found the two southern ocean legs "tough going. I didn't like the cold one bit." But he was determined to continue on the last fair-weather leg back up the Atlantic.

Mr Vincent was one of the elders among Blyth's recruits and something of a reformed character. Much of his early life had been spent in and out of reform schools and remand centres for petty crime and stealing cars.

"I was a real tearaway when I was young. I was sent to a school on the Isle of Wight but all they taught me was to box," he recalled in an interview in Rio.

His reformation came late in life. He said his wife Pauline, a schoolteacher from Bath, became the steadying influence in his life. "She put me on the straight and narrow, and I've not looked back since I met her."

If his marriage was one turning point in Mr Vincent's life, then the British Steel Challenge was certainly another. His wife said yesterday: "I knew it was what he wanted to do. He knew the risks and still wanted to do it."

He became known within the fleet as 'Steps Vincent' after using his carpentry skills to make a set of dockside steps for his own yacht. They proved so successful that he picked up orders for nine more from the rest of the fleet.

Mr Vincent was also the official barber within the fleet and set up shop at each port to cut the hair of the many crew members.

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Baby boy abducted from cot is found after police search

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A BABY snatched from his cot while his parents were asleep was yesterday safely back with his relieved family after being found by police.

Constantine Metcalf the grandson of a wealthy Greek shipping businessman, was found in Kilburn, northwest London, after an extensive police operation that included a news blackout. He was discovered in a van after a description of the vehicle was issued to all London police stations and Scotland Yard began covert operations.

Henry Metcalf held his 16-month-old son yesterday and said that the disappearance had been "the worst day of my life". He said his son seemed to be the least affected and was tired but well.

Rania Georgopoulos, the baby's mother, said it was "every mother's worst nightmare to have their baby taken. You can imagine I'm absolutely thrilled. It was very quick. He is safe and sound, everything went so well. We were very lucky to have him back so quickly. We had feared the worst."

The baby disappeared from his bedroom in the family's basement flat in St John's Wood, northwest London. The first the family knew about the kidnapping was a telephone call from a man at dawn on Thursday morning. The caller asked Miss Georgopoulos, 26, if they had contacted the police. She thought it was a wrong number.

He called again an hour later still asking if they had contacted the police. Once more, the call was thought to be a wrong number. Half an hour later, the parents realised Constantine was missing. The man called again mid-morning and said he had the baby.

Mr Metcalf said Constantine must have been abducted late on Wednesday. "Rania looked in on him in the evening, but as for the actual abduction we were both asleep," he said. "When we realised what had happened, we were very upset. The shock took some time to sink in, and we called the police."

Constantine's grandfather was immediately contacted, he said. "He was obviously distressed and very upset. I suppose he would have done anything if demands were made. But it wasn't necessary." Mr Metcalf said no demands were ever made.

Det Supt Bill Scholes, who led the investigation, said the baby was driven around in a van for most of the day. Police thought the baby was gone for about 15 hours. Mr Scholes said the kidnapper had changed Contantine's nappy once and fed him.

☐ Andreas Valinakas, 50, a builder of no fixed address, is due to appear before magistrates at St Marylebone today charged with child abduction and kidnapping, Scotland Yard said.

RUSSELL BOYCE



Happy ending: Constantine Metcalf is cuddled by his parents yesterday

WEEKEND WATCH

Allow for delays on holiday trips

BY PETER VICTOR

HOLIDAY weekend events are likely to cause traffic congestion and drivers should allow extra time accordingly. AA Roadwatch recommends avoiding the following troublespots in and around London:

The Pilkington rugby union cup final is being played at Twickenham and the rugby league cup final at Wembley on Saturday. On Sunday, an historic vehicle rally is being held in Crystal Palace Park. On Monday, Middlesex face the Australian cricket team at Lord's. There is also a charity race day at Kempton Park.

On Sunday and Monday, there is historic and saloon car racing at Brands Hatch in Kent. In west Sussex, the showground at Ardingly hosts a large car boot sale and there will be a race meeting at Fontwell. Also on Monday, there is national hunt racing at Devon and Exeter racecourse at Great Haldon, Devon.

Duxford airfield in Cambridgeshire hosts the Flying Legends air display on Monday and there is racing at Towcester, Northamptonshire. A boat rally runs until Monday at Becketts Park in Northampton.

Major roadworks: The M1 in Derbyshire has a contraflow from junction 29 to 30. The A1M in co. Durham has a contraflow with a 50mph speed limit. The M25 in Buckinghamshire has a contraflow between junctions 15 and 16 (M4/M40) which is expected to cause long delays. The M4 in Berkshire has a 50mph contraflow between junctions 4B (M25) and 5. In West Glamorgan, the M4 has a 40mph contraflow from junction 41 to 42. In Gwent, there are lane closures both ways from junction 24 to 26. The M5 in Hereford and Worcester has lane restrictions from junction 6 to 8. Lanes have been closed for resurfacing southbound on the M8 in Cumbria between junctions 38 and 37. The M20 in Kent has a contraflow near Folkestone. The M56 in Cheshire is reduced to two lanes each way from junction 12 to 14.

Ferry bargains: Modern Airways Holidays (0534 77533) is offering two-night breaks to Jersey for £89 per person. The deal is available for the next two weeks, sailing from Poole, for at least four passengers travelling together.

Flight bargains: American Routes has return flights to New York for £254 a person in a party of four and includes seven days' car hire. Departures are available from Heathrow, Gatwick, Manchester, Glasgow and Birmingham.

Sun shines on the barbecue season

WITH warm sunshine predicted among the showers this bank holiday weekend, now could be a good opportunity to get out the barbecue. Both fish and meat are cheaper than recently.

Fish landings have been good in the past week and prices are down for all flat fish. Large lemon sole are about £3.10. Dover sole are better value than for some time, with large fish selling for £4.40 a lb. Wild sea trout are another treat at the moment, costing £4.50 to £6 depending on size. Scotch lobster is becoming more affordable, at £7.50 live or £8.50 cooked.

The recommended best fish buy is witch, a kind of flounder which is an excellent substitute for plaice, sole or brill. Gently grilled with black pepper, it is ideal on the barbecue, or fillets can be rolled around spinach and oven baked.

Pork prices generally are continuing to come down, with Asda selling whole legs at £1.19 a lb. Sainsbury's boneless pork loin is £2.18. Asda and Tesco have pork chops on offer at £1.39 and Gateway's boneless spare ribs are £1.49.

Safeway has reduced prices on topside and silverside to £2.45 a lb. Waitrose has filet steak down to £6.99 a lb and rump steak down to £3.49 a lb. Tesco's sirloin steak costs £4.78 a lb. Harrods has cut Scottish rump steak down to £4.25 a lb.

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House prices forecast to rise, but not this year

BY RACHEL KELLY
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

■ Recovery in the housing market is unlikely before next year, even though the stock of unsold houses is shrinking

THE number of empty homes for sale has shrunk by a third since the end of last year, and the continuing fall will help average house prices to rise 7 per cent in 1994, says the City broker UBS.

The stock of unsold homes has fallen from 225,000 at the beginning of 1992 to about 150,000, according to figures produced by John Wrigleswort, UBS property analyst. The reduction is a result of builders adapting to the recession and constructing fewer houses, and government initiatives that mopped up nearly 20,000 empty homes, including about 2,000 repossessions.

Although the stock of unsold property will remain high this year because of more repossessions, Dr Wrigleswort said the overhang would disappear by 1994 because of an increase in house-buying that would counteract the effect of repossessions. The housing market was now off the critical list, and convalescing, he said.

"The continuing stock overhang will prevent significant house price rises this year, despite an increase in house sales of 20 per cent," Dr Wriglesworth said in his report. He predicted that prices would be the same at the end of this year as they were at the end of 1992. Prices have fallen slightly since the last quarter of 1992, so they will have to rise a little between now and the end of the year. "But next year there will be an increase in house prices as confidence returns to the market and the oversupply dries up," he said.

That stability in prices will improve confidence by reducing buyers' fear of negative equity — when homes are worth less than the mortgage. Would-be homeowners will also be encouraged by hopes of lower unemployment rises, helping those with jobs to feel more secure, and continuing low mortgage rates.

Rises in house prices next year will be greatest in southern England, because of the large number of homeowners there with negative equity. UBS estimates there are 1.9 million homeowners with negative equity in Britain, or one in five households with a mortgage. Of these, more than 1.5 million are in the South.

Dr Wriglesworth said: "As these people are unable to move, the supply of properties for sale in the South, especially those suitable for first-time buyers, is likely to more limited. This will lead to more pressure for house prices to rise as demand grows." He expects house prices in Greater London to rise 10 per cent next year.

Adrian Coles, of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, accepted Dr Wriglesworth's description of the housing market as "convalescing". "We are just off the bottom of the cycle," he said.

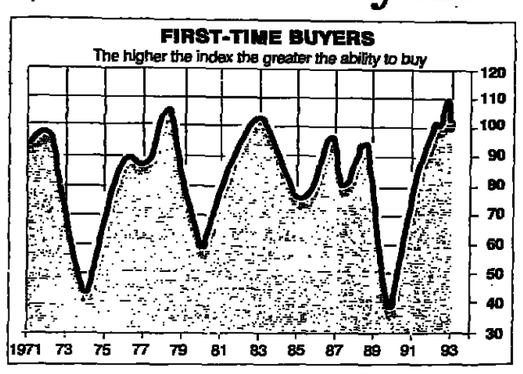
But he sounded a note of a caution about the figures on supply, and said it was hard to tell the exact number of unsold empty houses because some had been moved into the rented sector.

Mr Coles described Dr Wriglesworth's house price forecast as a sensible prediction. He said: "Historically, the southern housing market recovers more quickly than the North."



Milking a fortune: Nancy Abeiderrahmane overseeing Mauritanian herdsmen milking their camels, which could lead to an unusual delicacy soon being available in Europe: camel's cheese (Nigel Hawkes writes). Mrs Abeiderrahmane, born Nancy Jones in Essex, was yesterday one of five laureates given a £20,000 prize in the international Rolex Awards for Enterprise for her project to produce and export the cheese from her dairy in Nouakchott. She buys cow's and camel's milk from herdsmen, pasteurises it and sells it on. She suspects there will be no local market for her camel's cheese, saying "Cheese is not part of the local tradition", but expects the French, in particular, to relish the white cheese, which has similarities to goat's cheese.

Bargains fade for first-time buyers



BY OUR PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

FIRST-TIME buyers have missed the best time to buy for 20 years, says the National House-Building Council (NHBC). That was the final quarter of 1992, according to an index of new house-hunters' ability to buy.

The index analyses average mortgage advances, interest rates and earnings, and the higher it is, the greater the ability to buy. The index stood at 112 in the last quarter of 1992, the highest since it began in 1975, but it dropped to 103 in the first quarter of this year.

The NHBC said that despite the fall, it was still a good time for first-time buyers to purchase property and that people's personal circumstances would determine when was the best time for them to buy.

The figures were only averages. Elizabeth Male of the house-building council emphasised.

Ms Male said the decrease in first-time buyers' ability to purchase was partly explained by the higher deposits sought by builders recently. Average house prices paid by first-time buyers remained steady during the last two quarters at £39,645, she said.

"Building societies are much tighter on lending now," Ms Male said. "First-time buyers are also increasing the costs of home purchase for themselves because they are saving up much higher deposits.

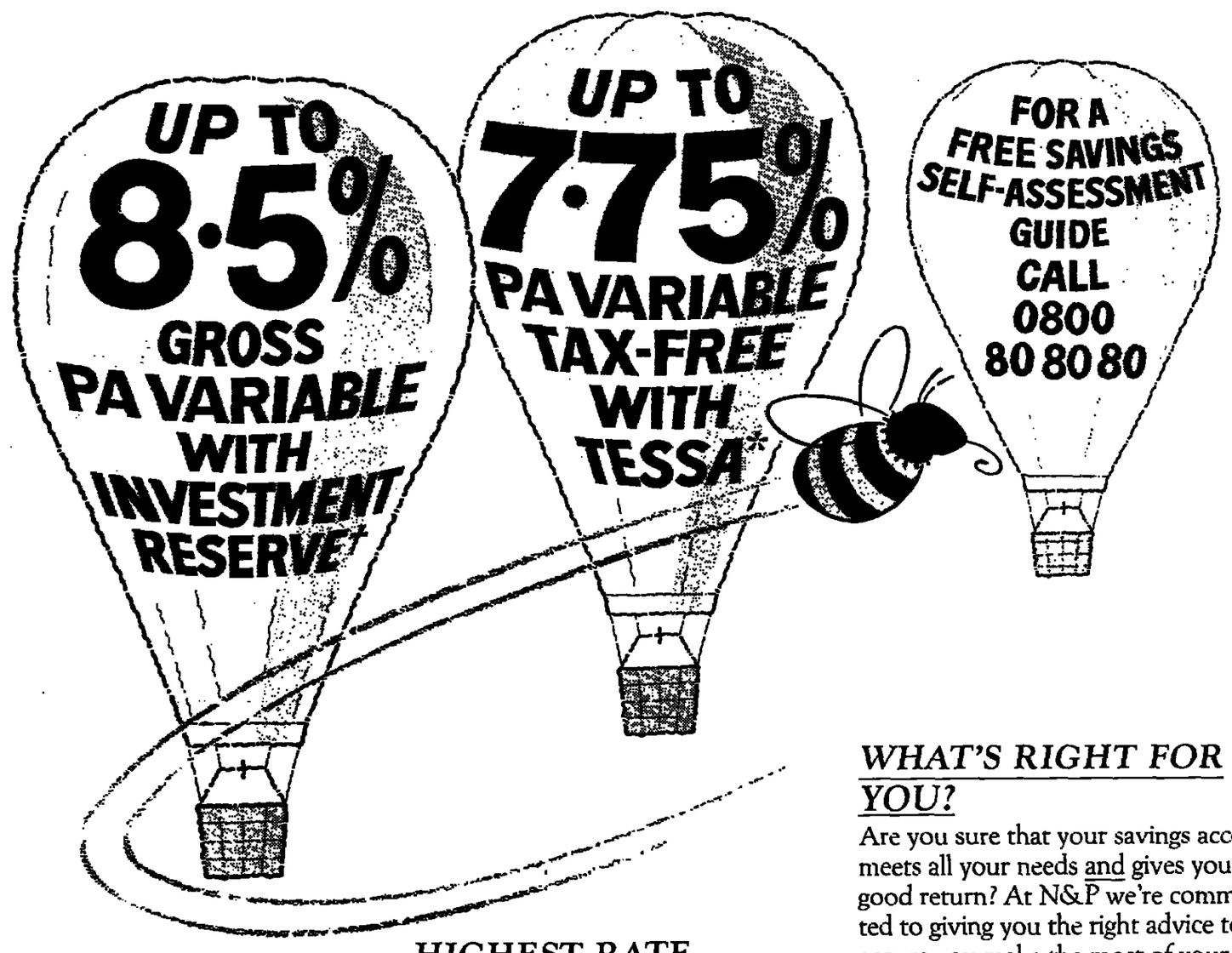
"High interest rates saw their savings increase and they are putting down higher deposits because they are frightened of negative equity and high mortgage costs."

The NHBC's mortgage figures are taken from the Nationwide building society and show that, on average, first-time buyers have increased their deposit from 18 per cent of the purchase price to more than 25 per cent.

"There has been quite an increase in the cost of the average deposit," Ms Male said.

The figures also reflected the fact that builders were beginning to put prices up. "Deals are beginning to disappear. Builders are becoming more hard-nosed," she said. In addition lenders report that offers of fixed-rate mortgages are drying up.

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Former Bishop of London will join Roman Catholics

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

A chief Anglican opponent of women priests is to join the church of Rome although he will not seek to become a priest

DR GRAHAM Leonard, the former Bishop of London, said yesterday that he would join the Roman Catholic church. But at 71, he considers himself too old to become a parish priest or accept any pastoral responsibilities.

In the first confirmation of what has long been suspected, Dr Leonard said he intended "seeking reconciliation with the Holy See at the appropriate time". His comments, in yesterday's *Tablet*, the Roman Catholic weekly, followed the Roman Catholic bishops' decision to welcome Anglican approaches.

In an interview with *The Times*, Dr Leonard said that he did not believe it would be possible to live "as a catholic within the Church of England" once legislation to ordain women priests had been completed. He said he intended to wait before making any further move, in solidarity with Anglican clergy who must wait until a woman is ordained a priest before resigning for reasons of conscience and claiming their compensation. But he added: "I had to make my intention clear."



Leonard: must "make my intention clear"

On the question of whether he would seek to become a Catholic priest, he said: "The Cardinal [Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster] has emphasised that our ministry would be fulfilled and brought to its culmination. That is what I would seek. It is still uncertain how that would happen."

It is unlikely an Anglican bishop of Dr Leonard's stature would be asked to wait the usual two years as a layman before being admitted to Catholic orders. Dr Leonard said: "I would hope that my ministry would be fulfilled in whatever way Rome thinks proper, although I do not anticipate having any pastoral responsibilities. I am 72 next week."

He said he knew "a lot of people" who intended to respond to the Catholic welcome. Dr Leonard's statement comes as clergy and lay people meet at Westminster Central Hall today in a mass protest against women priests. The rally is organised by Forward in Faith, which claims to represent one third of active Church of England membership. Forward in Faith said the Catholic welcome offered "great hope and encouragement" to many who were confused, broken and on the verge of despair.

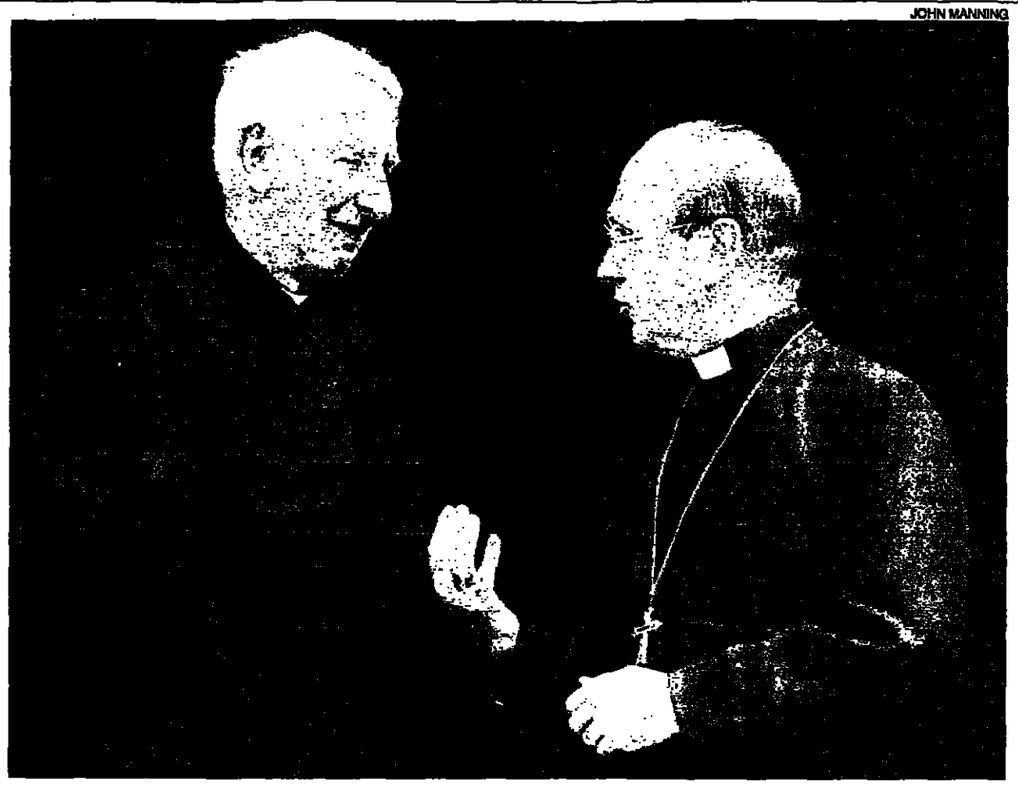
In a message to the rally, Dr Leonard, who is today leading a May devotion at St Stephen's, Gloucester Road, London, urges opponents of women priests to make a response to the Catholic church.

In his cathedral newsletter the Dean of Winchester, the Very Rev Trevor Beeson, said the dispute over women priests had added to the criticism of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey. Although previous archbishops had been criticised, "what is new is the vitriolic nature of many of the attacks on Dr Carey and the sheer dishonesty of many of his accusers", he said.

People who decided to convert to Catholicism should not be regarded as moving between rival bodies, like a shopper going from Sainsbury to Tesco superstores. Anyone who believed what Roman Catholics believed, such as Papal infallibility, should ask for admission to the Catholic church immediately, he said.

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JOHN MANNING



United in grief: Cardinal Basil Hume, left, and Dr David Hope, the Anglican Bishop of London, led 250 people in prayer at St Paul's Cathedral yesterday for those who suffered in last weekend's IRA bombing of the City. In one of his strongest attacks on the IRA, Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, condemned the "barbaric behaviour" of the perpetrators and accused them of sinning greivously. Their actions were "against everything that is right humanly and from a Christian point of view", he said on the steps of St Paul's.

Credo

Why God remains all things to all men

John Habgood

Matthew Parris, in his Easter article, expressed puzzlement that people should worry so much about seemingly trivial differences in religious belief and practice, while neglecting to face the really central question: Does the God of the New Testament exist? He is right to feel puzzled, yet he fails to recognise that "the God of the New Testament" is a deceptively simple phrase. To say what one actually means when one uses such words may take one back into all the nit-picking discussions which he finds so irrelevant.

The question, "Does God exist?" is not like the question, "Does the Loch Ness Monster exist?" God is the ultimate reality in which all our experience is grounded. God is the One beyond all thought and description, who nevertheless can meet us in personal encounter and overwhelming demand. God is the presence glimpsed in all goodness, truth and beauty. God calls, sustains and empowers those willing to respond to him. He is the hidden God whose very hiddenness is the condition for our freedom. The God revealed in the New Testament is both near and far, both knowable and enigmatic.

Paradoxes are unavoidable. The language used to describe God has to do much more work than ordinary language. This can only happen if it is embedded in a culture, a community and a practice which allows it to pick up rich associations and nuances. Religious communities tell their stories, develop their symbolisms, elaborate their descriptions—all of them inadequate—as their means of identifying the reality to which they are responding. The issues which divide them are seen by them as important to their understanding of God, and hence as part of that dynamic which makes the word "God" so powerful.

In religious controversy, it is usually wise to start by asking what apparently vital insight into the nature of God is being defended. Take the issue of women priests. The disagreement within the Church of England has now largely resolved itself into an argument about authority. On the one hand are those who believe that the General Synod had the right to decide as it did, because a church has to follow the truth as it sees it and to interpret its mandate in the light of a changed awareness of the role of women. The authority under which the church operates, on this view, is not simply the authority of certain limited Biblical texts or traditional practices but that of the God perceived in the Bible as leading his people to learn from what he is doing in the world at large, not just from the religious community itself. God, in other words, is the God of history, secular as well as sacred.

On the other hand are those who believe that the General Synod's decision was a disaster, because for them it seems to cut off the Church of England from the mainstream Christian tradition, and thereby reduces rather than enlarges its sense of the universality of God. Faithfulness to what has been given, on this view, is the guarantee of belonging within the purposes of God.

Both sides of the argument are serious and compelling. Both express truths about the nature of God, which should not be lost, and ought in the long run to be reconcilable. My personal hope is that, in the meantime, both can exist side by side, keeping a certain necessary distance between them, without pushing this to extremes. By locating the differences in different perceptions of how God's universality is to be represented, it can at least be seen that there is a common thread. To say they are secondary to belief in God himself is a reminder that even serious arguments can get out of proportion.

Dr John Habgood is Archbishop of York

☐ *Dr Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi, will respond to Dr Habgood next week.*

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Kasparov ponders career in politics for his next move

By Robert Crampton

GARRY Kasparov, who is in London this week to examine facilities for *The Times* World Chess Championship, has spoken of his interest in a Russian political career.

Kasparov, the reigning world champion who plays Nigel Short for the title in September, is closely involved with a group of Russian democrats, well to the left of President Yeltsin. Nonetheless, Kasparov's group, which includes Yegor Gaidar, the former prime minister, and Yelena Bonner, campaigned for Mr Yeltsin in the referendum.

Kasparov was delighted with the pro-Yeltsin outcome. "The results are perfectly clear. People want reforms, people don't want the conservatives back, and people want reforms to move faster," he said.

The last remark may be wishful thinking on the champion's part. He favours swift moves towards a full market economy, including immediate land privatisation. He voted for Mr Yeltsin but did not vote on the second question in the ballot, which asked Russians whether they favoured Mr Yeltsin's social and economic policies.

"I do not think those policies are radical enough," he said. "But I could not vote no as that would put me in very bad company, so I did not vote."

Kasparov voted in Helsinki where Masha, his wife, had just given birth to their first child, Pauline. His support for Mr Yeltsin was tactical and may be short-lived. He backed the president strongly before and during the August coup in 1991, including briefing him on foreign policy, but now he thinks Mr Yeltsin is too conservative. "He has stayed put while society has moved to the left over the last two years."

For the moment, Kasparov's political activity is sporadic and limited to advice and media appearances. "People listen to me because I am not a politician and I am not corrupted," he said.

"I have had some offers to run for parliament, but I doubt I will. Maybe I will run for the constitutional assembly.

"That's a historical event and the democrats will need people who are not going to run for the parliament later on. I would find it very hard to resist if I am asked to run."

And what of the presidency itself? "There are many candidates. The democrats will probably have primaries to find out who will be the best recognised personality among the people." Would that be Garry Kasparov? "No, forget about me."

In ten years' time? Russia is getting freer and I wouldn't exclude any options," he laughed. "That's a favourite phrase of American presidents, you know."

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TONY WHITE



Home comfort: Kasparov eyes a popular export at The Russian Shop in London during a tour of facilities for his world championship match

British officials to support match

By Ian Murray

BRITISH Chess Federation (BCF) officials are to co-operate with the organisation of *The Times* World Chess Championship between Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov.

Permission has now been given by Florencio Campomanes, president of Fide, even though the game's world governing body has stripped Kasparov of his official world title. Fide has refused to recognise the match.

The BCF said yesterday that Señor Campomanes has "recognised that the federation would like to take advantage of the many opportunities offered by this event and understood [the BCF] council's view that the BCF should support it on an informal basis."

The reluctant acknowledgment from Fide clears the way for BCF officials to organise and participate in events surrounding *The Times* sponsored match. These are likely to include a London chess festival, commentaries on the championship games and a series of simultaneous play matches around the country.

"This enables us to participate in the spin-offs from the event and exploit all the opportunities to popularise the game in this country," Adam Black, the BCF publicity director, said last night. "There are no more than 40,000 active players in this country at the moment, although there are at least four million who know how to play.

"Potential interest out there in *The Times* match is enormous. If we can rouse only 1 per cent of the passive players, who have become disenchanted by the chess establishment, it will double the number of active players in this country.

"If we can reach 10 per cent then it would constitute a revolution in the game here. The way is now clear for British chess to benefit fully from the world title challenge by the best British player of the century.

"The opportunity to promote chess in this country must be paramount. After all that is the main reason for the existence of the BCF. Even though some members continue to be unhappy about defying Fide, we must be involved in this match in the interests of chess in Britain."

The BCF plea to be allowed to benefit from the match was made after a council meeting last weekend. While co-operating in *The Times* championship, BCF officials have agreed to recognise that the Fide world championship will now be contested between Jan Timman and Anatoly Karpov. The BCF will support that match "as far as possible".



Short: will challenge Kasparov for title

Asked about the BCF decision, Kasparov said: "Fide cannot stop the BCF participating in the championship. Fide have tried to convince the chess world that the Professional Chess Association was nonsense. But it's real.

"Chess organisers are starting to realise we are serious about this deal. You can touch it. It's money. We have raised £3 million. It's real money — not taxpayers' money or the goodwill of a wealthy person. It's a legal contract."

CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

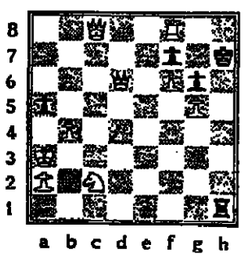
Today, as a foretaste of their Times Chess Championship later this year, I continue my Collector's Item series of all the previous games between Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov. Nigel was the first to draw blood in their meeting in 1986.

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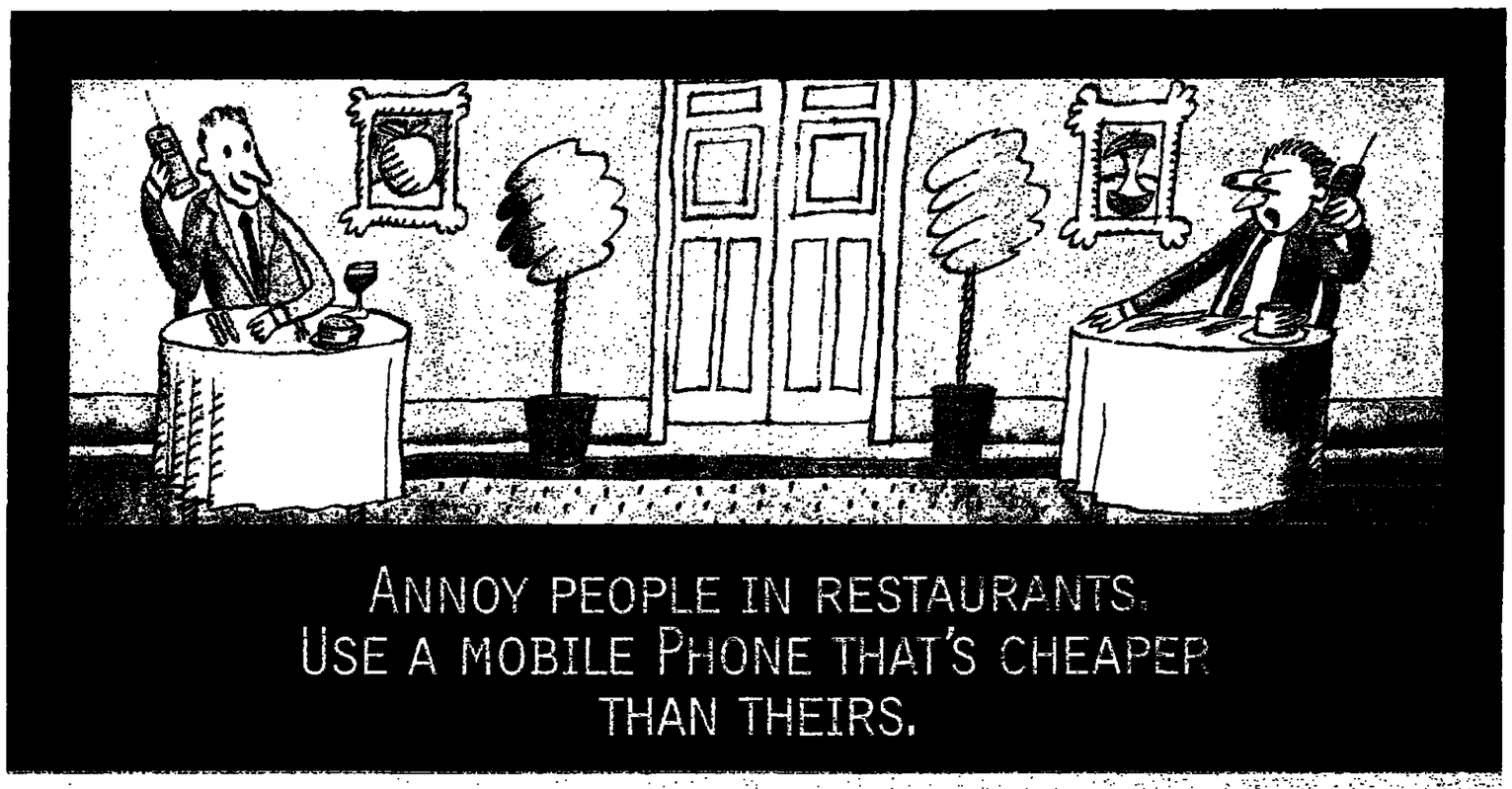
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Brown features skills and training in new economic programme

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE who take training courses to improve their skills should be given tax relief, Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, said yesterday.

Outlining the framework for Labour's new economic programme for the next election, Mr Brown listed a number of financial incentives to boost investment in skills and training.

They include tax relief for employees who take courses, imposing a levy on companies that fail to provide training, setting up a new university for industry and gearing regional and industrial grants in favour of skills training. "To increase their earning power, people must increase their skills," Mr Brown told a rally in Corby, Northamptonshire.

A policy paper on the party's new economic thinking, which will be presented to Labour's first national policy forum next Saturday, also calls for a radical assault on vested interests in the City, a theme which Mr Brown took up.

He said Labour must stand up for the ordinary citizen against the entrenched financial interests which thwarted individual success.

Taking a similar line to Margaret Thatcher when she confronted the unions in the 1970s, he criticised the business battalions that he said deprived people of choice and opportunity.

Labour would introduce new measures to tackle banks that short-changed small businesses and individuals, monopolies which overcharged, employers who did not train their workforce and the Tory financial establishment, which under-performed in long-term investment.

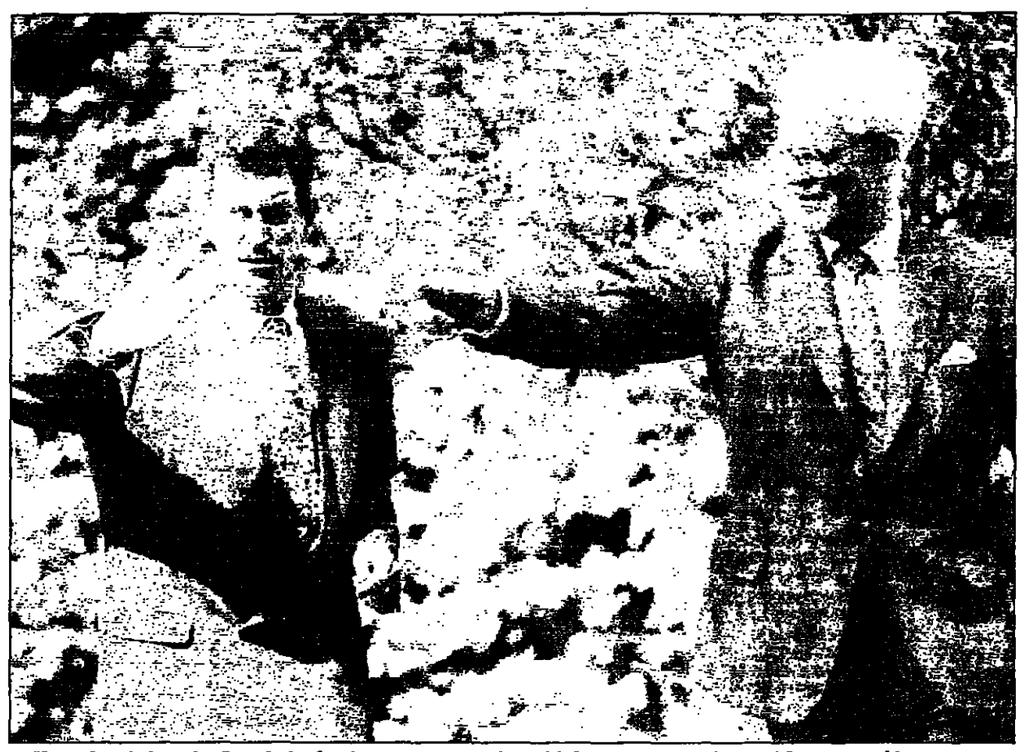
The party would also overhaul the regulation and supervision of banking and financial services. In addition, it would aim to sweep away the secrecy shrouding the relationship between the Treasury and the Bank of England, which he said had allowed the government to manipulate economic policy.

The paper says: "Clear evidence of abuse has been the concealment over the losses and incompetence over Black Wednesday and interest rate reductions timed to political advantage."

Mr Brown suggested that the bank's existing board of directors should be replaced with a new monetary policy board which would be more accountable. The new board would include regional representation with members drawn from industry and the trade unions. It would be responsible for monitoring developments in monetary policy and producing a regular, published report.

The paper makes clear that Labour would focus its long term economic strategy on protecting the individual and investing in skills and training to boost employment. It also underlines Labour's intention to shift the debate from taxation and public borrowing, on which it has always been vulnerable, to improving public services such as health and education, if necessary in collaboration with the private sector.

The policy paper makes scant mention of public spending or public borrowing. However, Mr Brown stressed that what the government spent money on was more important than the level of government spending. Labour's policy was to invest to employ and expand.



Way ahead: Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, right, said there was more demand for renewed inter-party talks on the future of Ulster after meeting his Irish counterpart, Dick Spring, in Dublin yesterday. Mr Hurd said: "It is a growing impetus which is gradually leading people to emerge from entrenched attitudes"

MPs block bill on drug information

BY ROBERT MORGAN
POLITICAL STAFF

A LABOUR MP's bill to lift some of the secrecy surrounding the contents and production of pharmaceuticals was blocked in the Commons yesterday.

The medicines information bill, sponsored by Giles Radice, MP for Durham North, has been opposed by the industry. The bill would have given the public the right to information about the safety and effectiveness of medicines and the reasons why a drug had been withdrawn or allowed back on the market. At present, information is kept secret under the 1968 Medicines Act.

British companies operating in the United States have to conform to a similar law there, but they are concerned about their intellectual property. The European Commission is expected to introduce a directive in 1995.

James Couchman, Tory MP for Gillingham and an adviser to Pfizer, a drugs company opposed to the bill, said he was "affronted" at insinuations from Labour MPs.

Ian McCartney, Labour spokesman on health, said Labour had objections to Mr Couchman's links with the company and accused him of filibustering. Mr McCartney accused the government of agreeing to kill the bill in exchange for drug companies "going easy" when they negotiated prices for National Health Service drug supplies.

Pressure grows on Smith over union reforms

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith is under increasing attack from some shadow cabinet colleagues who claim he has mishandled trade union reforms and faces defeat by the unions at the party conference.

Critics say the Labour leader has also become boxed into a corner over proportional representation and may be forced into a compromise by proposing a royal commission.

While many MPs are lukewarm about PR, the reform of the unions' traditional links with the party is seen as a litmus test for Mr Smith's modernisation plans. He insists he will not be swayed from his intention to introduce one member, one vote for the selection of parliamentary candidates this autumn. However, the plan has already been opposed by four of the big trade unions and he now faces defeat at the party conference if he refuses to budge.

Mr Smith is under intense pressure from party modernisers. They say he dodged the issue last year and any change of tune would be interpreted as a step backwards.

One frontbencher said: "If John fails to get through his reforms this time, we will get too near the next election and he may lose the chance. We would then face the electorate with the same image as last time."

Rivals wait for swing in middle England

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

FOR more than a decade, political parties have fought for overall control of Northamptonshire County Council.

Since 1981, no party has won majority control of this delicately balanced portion of middle England that consistently defies national political swings in local elections. The Conservatives, holding half the 68 council seats, have relied for eight years on the co-operation of a single independent councillor to keep hold of control with the chairman's casting vote. John Smith, the Labour leader, has led a procession of six of his senior politicians through the county during the present election campaign, against two appearances by cabinet ministers. The reason is clear: anything less than outright Labour victory will be seen by Tories, and privately by Mr Smith's supporters, as a failure to make a breakthrough when the government's popularity is at a low ebb.



Jimmy Kane, veteran leader of the Labour group, is anxious to press the local issues rather than rely on a backlash against the government.

The Tories are pinning their hopes of support on what they claim has been shrewd budgeting, and insist that the campaign must be fought on local issues. John Ewart, the Tory leader, said: "People voted on the government last year. Now it is time for people to decide on the local government. There is no doubt in my mind that we will make gains and take power."

The Liberal Democrats, who suffered badly last time because of factionalism in the then Social Democratic party, are confident they can gain the balance of power this time.

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Russia pledges to support American policy on Bosnia

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

■ The Russian parliament has voted to veto UN plans to use force against the Serbs. Boris Yeltsin is ramming home his referendum victory by ignoring the decision

VITALI Churkin, the Russian deputy foreign minister, emphasised yesterday that Moscow would continue to back America in the search for a solution to the Yugoslav conflict in spite of the opposition of the Russian parliament and said that Warren Christopher, the United States Secretary of State, would visit Moscow next week on his trip to Europe to discuss further strategy.

"We are very satisfied with our co-operation with the United States and we will continue to look for joint decisions," Mr Churkin said.

On Thursday parliament voted for Moscow to use its security council veto against any UN military action targeted at Bosnia's Serbs but Mr Churkin said that the government would ignore the vote.

"Parliament has missed a great chance to help end the conflict. But we receive our orders only from the president and obey only them," he said.

With the response to Yugoslavia now the subject of heated disagreements between Russia's conservatives and pro-Western democrats, Nikolai Pavlov, a hardline deputy, threatened this week that international military action against Yugoslavia could trigger violence against Westerners in Russia.

Mr Churkin, who takes a cautious line on sanctions against Serbia and has led Moscow's shuttle diplomacy, is considered to be the Russian with most influence over the Bosnian Serbs. Last night he flew to the UN peace talks between Bosnian Serb, Croat and Muslim leaders in Athens and urged the international community not to give up on a negotiated settlement to the fighting.

On the domestic front, President Yeltsin has brought a technocrat from the steel industry into his government, strengthening the representation of industrial managers in his cabinet in a move to tighten control of his hitherto unstructured reform of Russia's factories.

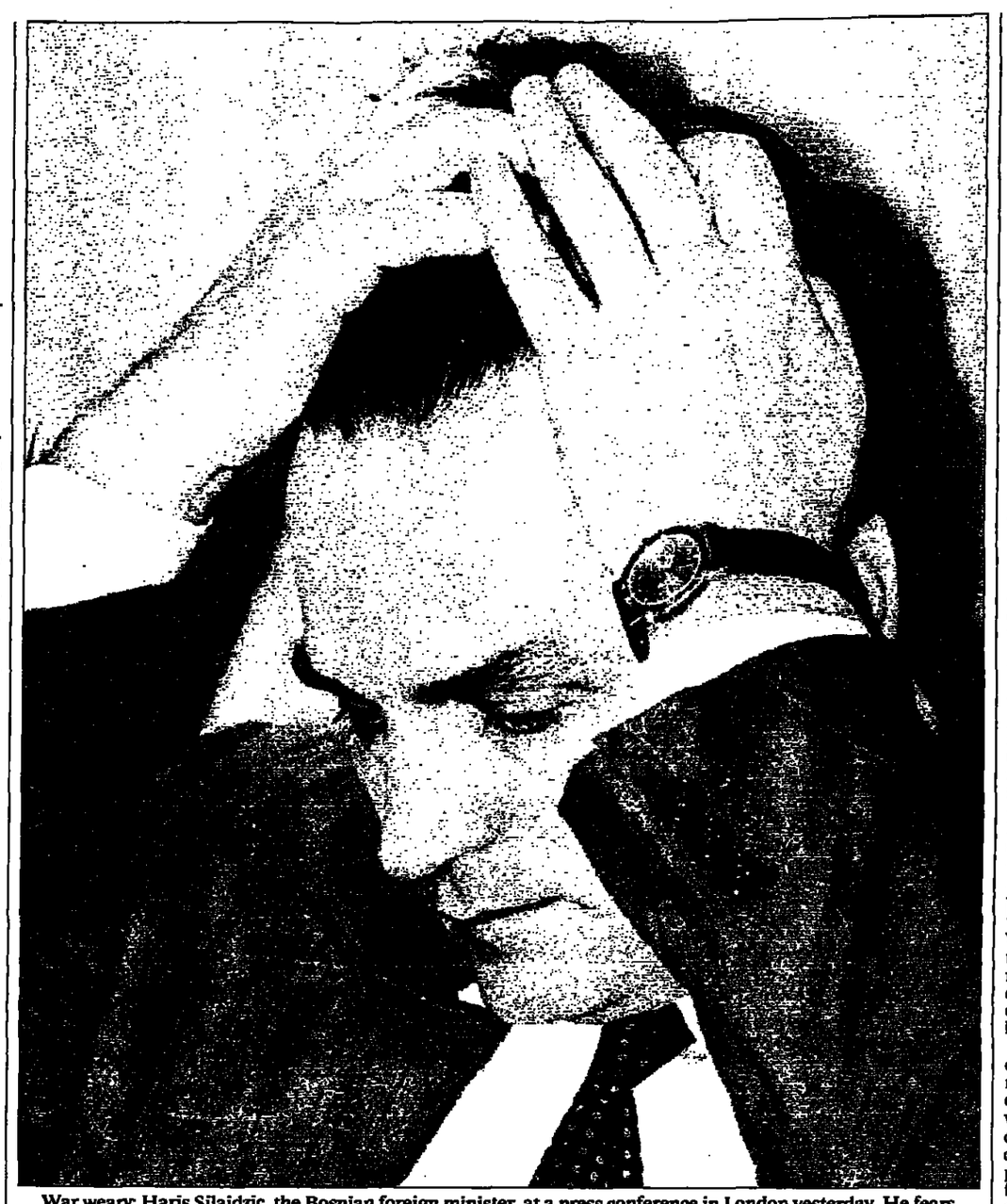
Oleg Soskovets, who will take charge of industrial policy and carry the senior cabinet rank of first deputy prime minister, told the Interfax news agency that he had been asked to "impose clear order in the industrial sphere", the main reform challenge facing Mr Yeltsin. He is the second industrialist to enter the government in a month, following Oleg Lobov, a representative of the more cautious reform lobby.

Driving home his victory over hardliners in the referendum, Mr Yeltsin has banned demonstrations in Red Square in a bid to prevent the traditional May Day ceremony turning into a protest by communists and nationalists. Trade unionists have been allowed to hold their march but on a different route.

The wealthy Caspian region of Kalmykia yesterday became the first in Russia to dissolve its parliament after the election as president of a 30-year-old businessman who vowed to make the region a "Soviet-free zone".

President Kirsam Ilyumzhinov, who was voted into office this month on a ticket of ultra-radical reform, offered deputies business credits to leave politics and has said that there should be no political opposition allowed during the region's transition to capitalism. The region's Supreme Soviet and several local councils voted to dissolve themselves and be replaced by a small non-political body responsible for the drafting of a new constitution.

☐ **Geneva:** The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said yesterday it had contingency plans in former Yugoslavia if the West decided on military intervention against the Serbs, but would continue its relief operations. Ron Redmond, a spokesman for the high commissioner, said: "The UNHCR has every intention of continuing to carry out its mandate, which is to bring assistance to the civilian population." *(Reuter)*



War weary: Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian foreign minister, at a press conference in London yesterday. He fears that this weekend's Athens summit on the Balkan war will allow the Serbs to use more delaying tactics

Owen says progress likely in Athens

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sell that policy to America's highly reluctant allies before it is announced.

A senior White House official emphasised to *The Times* last night that Mr Christopher was going in order to conduct "true negotiations" with the allies about the American approach, and not to dictate policy. But it was evident that he would have great difficulty persuading them without bringing all of Washington's authority to bear.

"London and Paris are very firmly hostile to lifting the embargo," a senior British source reiterated yesterday.

Mr Clinton will make the most important decision of his presidency today after a final meeting in the White House with his most senior advisers, but will not announce it until after the consultations with the allies.

As well as sending Mr Christopher to Europe, he is likely to telephone John Major, President Mitterrand of France and other Allied leaders in an all-out bid to secure their support. Britain, France and Russia all have the power to veto a UN Security Council resolution to lift the embargo. Mr Clinton would also have to win congressional approval for air strikes.

Lord Owen already had commitments from other leaders in the former Yugoslavia to attend a summit if there was a "breakthrough" and said he felt the developments warranted such a meeting. If the Bosnian Serbs do accept the peace plan, the accord will come into effect only when the UN Security Council passes a resolution spelling out how it will be implemented.

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Mutilation of villagers blamed on Muslims

FROM HUGH NEVILL IN SARAJEVO

MUSLIM fighters in central Bosnia lined up four Croat villagers and sliced off the face of one and cut the others' throats in retaliation for the death of one of their own men, a relief worker reported yesterday.

"Their corpses were gruesome," said Margaret Green of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in a report relayed by a UNHCR spokesman. In it she told of visiting the village of Miletici, 12 miles northwest of Zenica, on Wednesday to see evidence of a "horrible massacre" last Saturday.

The report said: "I saw the house where the men must have been killed. There were pools of congealed blood and bits of bone and tissue covering the living room floor. A trail of dried blood led from the doorway, down the steps, to the centre of the village."

The report said the villagers identified the attackers as "mujahidin". That term can denote either volunteers from Islamic countries fighting beside the mainly Muslim Bosnian army, or local Muslim fundamentalists.

The UNHCR reported that the Roman Catholic villagers said the mujahidin mounted a short attack on the 11 houses in Miletici.

The UNHCR said Bosnian commanders had acknowledged that rogue units were refusing to obey ceasefire orders in central Bosnia-Herzegovina. Croat leaders are reported to be having similar disciplinary problems. *(AFP)*



Churkin: will ignore parliament's vote

Cheshires complete a tour of duty with pervading sense of frustration

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN VITEZ

WHEN an advance party of British troops arrived in this central Bosnian town six months ago to establish its headquarters, its most pressing problem was how to keep local young people from wandering onto the unprotected base in search of chewing gum and sweets.

Today the abandoned schoolhouse and playing fields on the outskirts of Vitez have been transformed beyond recognition into a well-defended modern military base for 900 men and women, except that the British guards now have the fathers and elder brothers rather than the children to worry about.

For the outgoing battalion of the Cheshire Regiment which has established a routine of patrols, escort duties and peacekeeping operations, the first half of its year-long mandate to protect the distribution of humanitarian aid in Bosnia has passed remarkably smoothly, given the limitations of Operation Grapple and the violent fluctuation of local politics.

However, in the past three weeks the role of the 2,500 British troops spread out between the Croatian port of Split and the northern Bosnian town of Tuzla has been brought into question because of what many troops regard as an inadequate response to the vicious conflict.

Reflecting on his tour of duty, one British officer remarked cynically that his men had become skilled in the job of "collecting bodies", while a senior NCO in the Cheshires believed that, with a more interventionist mandate from the start, the British could have prevented the three weeks of widespread clashes between Muslims and Croats, which have devastated most of Vitez and neighbouring towns and villages in the British areas of operation.

"We have a highly trained, well-equipped force, but we were never able to deploy it properly," said the veteran soldier, referring to the 53 Warrior armoured personnel carriers and the 24 Scimitar reconnaissance vehicles used to escort aid convoys and help refugees, but which have stayed out of the fighting. Although the strict British adherence to neutrality should have left them out of the conflict, increasingly the British battalion has been perceived as a hostile force, first by the Bosnian Serbs, whose artillery batteries are located within easy range of the British headquarters, and the Bosnian Croats, whom the British have blamed for atrocities in recent fighting.

With the threat of Western military intervention hanging over them, local Serb commanders have directly threatened immediate retaliation against the British if they are attacked. The Croats, whose forces control the area around the British base, have been less explicit, but in a series of recent showdowns at roadblocks they have made it plain that the British are now seen as allies of the Muslims.

While the Cheshires have established a *modus operandi* to deal with the day-to-day challenges in Bosnia, the current changeover of British forces under way means that an entirely different battalion unaccustomed to the treacherous terrain of the Balkans will soon be left alone to cope with the civil war raging around them. Yesterday by means of a reminder to the first officers and men of the 1st Battalion of the Prince of Wales Own Regiment of Yorkshire and the Light Dragoons, soldiers were sent scurrying to reinforced bunkers within the camp during a drill in the event of an artillery attack.

"We are about to inherit a smooth-running system, a great credit to the Cheshire group," Major David Hill, the operations officer for the incoming regiment, said yesterday after a patrol for the first time through a patchwork of areas controlled by rival Muslims and Croats.

The outgoing commanding officer in Bosnia, Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, who hands over to Lt Col Alastair Duncan next week, struck a more cautious note. "I hope my successor will have an easier time than me," he said. "But I suspect it will be harder."



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Ukraine pushes for security zone

Kiev: The creation of a Central European security zone edged closer yesterday after talks between President Kravchuk of Ukraine and Jozsef Antall, the Hungarian prime minister (Robert Seely writes). Both said such a zone was required to prevent violence in the Balkans spreading to Central and Eastern Europe's patchwork of ethnic groups.

Almost all the nations of the former Warsaw Pact have brought territorial claims against each other since the collapse of Soviet hegemony in the region.

With Hungary, Poland, and the Czech Republic looking to integrate with the West, and Ukraine planning to embrace non-aligned status, both leaders emphasise that any security grouping would be unlikely to develop into a fully fledged military bloc. "We want full co-operation with Nato," President Kravchuk said after the talks.

Poland plans huge sell-off

Warsaw: The Polish government yesterday secured parliamentary approval for a plan expected to put 600 state-owned factories into private hands (Patricia Koza writes).

Those backing the plan included the former communists, not part of the ruling coalition. On the eve of the vote, the Peasant Alliance dropped out of the coalition, citing differences over farm policy. Coalition members fended off questions about the deals made to win the former communists' support.

Andorra wins statehood

Paris: President Mitterrand yesterday signed a new constitution for Andorra, formally completing an independence process that makes the tiny country Europe's newest sovereign state.

M Mitterrand and Joan Martí Alanís, the bishop of Urgell, Spain, had jointly ruled the Pyrenees principality under a deal dating from 1278. More than 9,000 voters in the 175-square-mile country opted for independence on March 14. *(AP)*

Price reforms shock Romania

Bucharest: Romanians joined long lines in a panic buying spree for bread and petrol yesterday on the eve of the abolition of Communist-era subsidies. Queues for petrol, expected to double in price, stretched for up to six miles. Prices for bread and milk will rise five-fold.

The prospect of a general strike next week came closer after unions won only meagre concessions from the government to cushion the free-market price rises. *(Reuter)*

Danes back Maastricht

Copenhagen: Danish support for the Maastricht treaty on closer European union is holding at 53 per cent, indicating that the Danes should approve the treaty in a referndum on May 18, according an opinion poll published by the liberal daily *Politiken*.

Among the 897 voters polled between April 13 and 19, 34 per cent remained opposed, 11 per cent undecided and 2 per cent remained uncertain.

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Desperate Ciampi holds talks with neo-fascist party

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

■ The decision not to waive Bettino Craxi's immunity has widened the rift between parliament and the judiciary and led to widespread popular protests

CARLO Azeglio Ciampi, the Italian prime minister, yesterday lost the support of the influential Republican party only a day after four former Communist and Green ministers resigned from his new government.

Signor Ciampi, the 72-year-old governor of the Bank of Italy, met Achille Occhetto, leader of the former communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS), to try to persuade him not to oppose the government. Three former Communist ministers resigned from the cabinet on Thursday hours after it was sworn in, triggering a new political crisis. Signor Ciampi also met with Francesco Rutelli, the former environment minister and a Green, but was unable to convince him to rescind his resignation. The four resigned in protest at the refusal by their coalition allies, the Socialists and Christian Democrats, to authorise the prosecution of Bettino Craxi, the former prime minister and Socialist leader.

President Scalfaro also held consultations yesterday, including talks with Giorgio Bogi, the Republican party leader. Signor Bogi said he told the president that the Republicans would not support the government in a confidence vote next week. The loss of Republican support means Signor Ciampi is dependent on the same narrow majority with which Giuliano Amato, his predecessor, had to work.

A desperate Signor Ciampi yesterday met Gianfranco Fini, secretary of the Italian Social Movement, and a delegation of his neo-fascist party in an apparent attempt to obtain support for the government. The mainstream parties will not negotiate with the MSI.

Gerardo Bianco, the Christian Democrat whip, said after a meeting with Signor Ciampi that the prime minister would seek a confidence vote in parliament next week. "The prime minister will appear before parliament with a programme for his government by next Thursday," he said.

In spite of the negotiating skill acquired by Signor Ciampi in 14 years at the head of the central bank, few observers believe the government can last more than a few months. Massimo D'Alema, the former Communist whip, said the PDS might contemplate abstaining from active opposition if the government immediately introduces electoral reform before calling a general election.

The political crisis led to near panic selling of shares, government bonds and the lira yesterday though the currency recovered in late trading as traders sensed Signor Ciampi was not preparing to resign immediately.

About 100 MPs are under investigation and are thought to have voted against waiving the immunity of Signor Craxi. The former Socialist leader was saved from prosecution on corruption by two narrow margins of 18 and four votes respectively. The opposition La Rete (Network) party is widely suspected of having voted against authorisation in order to precipitate an early election under the existing proportional representation system that favours small parties.

There was widespread indignation at the decision not to prosecute Signor Craxi and hundreds of students staged protests around the Palazzo Chigi, the office of the prime minister, yesterday. Giorgio Napolitano, the speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, said he had received requests from several political parties to abolish the secret vote on waiving immunity from prosecution of parliamentarians.



Ciampi: seeking vote of confidence next week

The vote also opened up a conflict of interest between parliament and the magistrature. Francesco Saverio Borelli, Milan's chief prosecutor, said he was considering lodging a formal appeal to the Constitutional Court.

Gianfranco Miglio, theoretician of the devolutionist Lombardy League, said yesterday there was a risk of armed insurrection. "Public opinion will not tolerate what has happened. I am not sure until when the spontaneous insurrections in the piazzas will remain peaceful," he said.

The PDS is anxious to distance itself from the parties most discredited in the corruption scandal, not least because of growing evidence that the Italian Communist party (PCI) was also heavily involved in the exchange of bribes for public works contracts. Milan magistrates are investigating the alleged transfer of more than a billion lire (£450,000) from East Germany to Paola Occhetto, sister of the PDS leader, which passed through a Swiss bank account. Primo Greganti, a former Communist party official, has been under arrest for weeks on suspicion of being the PCI treasurer responsible for depositing bribes in the account.

Lucio Libertini, a senator in Communist Refoundation, the hard-line Marxist party that broke away from the Communists when they changed their name to the PDS in 1991, resigned his seat on Thursday over allegations he took bribes for the party from a Milan bus-making company in return for public transport contracts.

□ **Milan:** Mauro Bertini, the last of four top Fiat executives wanted in connection with Italy's nationwide corruption scandal, surrendered yesterday. Signor Bertini was arrested at Milan's Malpensa airport when he arrived from New York. *(AP)*

Right-wing activist's wife charged with Hani killing

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

GAYE Derby-Lewis, wife of the leading South African right-wing politician held over the assassination of Chris Hani, was charged yesterday with the murder of the Communist party leader.

Mrs Derby-Lewis, born in Australia, is co-accused with Janusz Walus, the Polish immigrant who was arrested soon after the killing on April 10. She appeared briefly in the magistrates' court at Boksburg, east of Johannesburg, and was remanded in custody until May 12.

Earlier yesterday, a judge ruled that her husband, Clive Derby-Lewis, a Conservative Party member of the advisory President's Council, could be held for another ten days. He was arrested a week after the killing and detained under the Internal Security Act. Mrs Derby-Lewis was arrested two days later.

Police have claimed that Mr Derby-Lewis briefed Mr Walus before the assassination and supplied him with a pistol and silencer.

In the Pretoria Supreme Court, Mr Justice Curlewis dismissed an application for Mr Derby-Lewis's immediate release. In an affidavit, the former Conservative MP denied that he had told Mr Walus to murder Hani or provided him with the gun, one of a batch of weapons stolen by white extremists from an air force armoury in Pretoria three years ago. This is the substance of admissions by Mr Walus, according to police. They believe he was part of a wider conspiracy. He reportedly claimed more people would be assassinated.

In dismissing Mr Derby-Lewis's application, the judge noted that his affidavit said he was prepared to give police more information if his rights were guaranteed. "This can only mean that he has more information to give," the judge said.

Allegations of an extremist conspiracy were renewed with claims yesterday that a group of former police and army generals has formed a secret committee to mobilise the right-wing for extra-parliamentary resistance to constitutional change. The left-wing *Weekly Mail* said the group met in Pretoria on April 21, two days after Hani's funeral and styled itself the "Committee of Generals". It reportedly includes General Constand Viljoen, a former chief of the South African Defence Force.

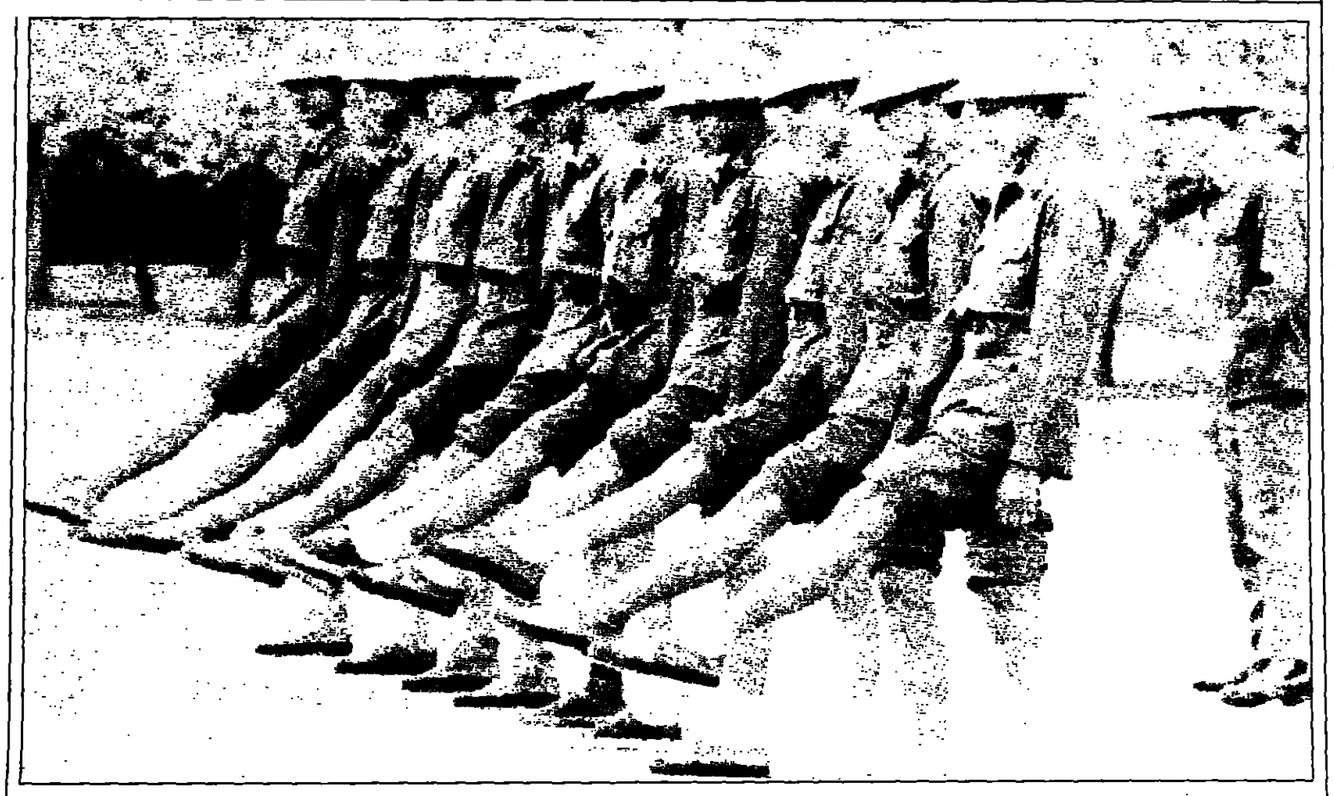
The meeting, the newspaper said, was attended by leading members of the Conservative Party, the Herstigte Nasionale Party, and the Afrikaner Volksunie, but not the neo-fascist Afrikaner Resistance Movement. The main aim of the committee, the newspaper claimed, is the establishment of a white "homeland".

The multiparty talks on a post-apartheid constitution resumed outside Johannesburg yesterday. There had been fears of a walk-out by the Concerned South Africans Group, which includes the Conservatives, the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party, and black homeland representatives. But the immediate threat was averted.

In Pietermaritzburg, two Inkatha supporters were found guilty in the Natal Supreme Court of killing ten people on a bus on March 5.



Derby-Lewis: brief appearance in court



Step in time: a Vietnamese guard of honour practising marching for yesterday's eighteenth anniversary of the communist victory over American-backed South Vietnam. Vo Van Kiet, the prime minister, marked the occasion with an appeal for a war on poverty. "We have got rid of the humiliation of losing the country, and now there is no reason why we should accept a destiny of poverty," he said in an open letter to young Vietnamese, published in *Lao Dong* newspaper. "Rich people, a strong country and a civilised society — that is our dream, and the dream of any Vietnamese today." The country is trying to build a market economy. As usual, it marked the anniversary of the day in 1975 when communist forces captured the presidential palace in Saigon with a half-day holiday and no military parades. In Ho Chi Minh City, the name given to Saigon after the war, there was a small rally organised by the party and local authorities but no showpiece events, officials said. *(Reuter)*

Test for Clinton in Texas senate race

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WACO

WITH many Texans still reeling from the tragedy of Waco, few have had much attention to spare for the crucial senate race which is viewed as a symbolic referendum on the first months of the Clinton administration.

Today the state holds a special election for the seat vacated by Lloyd Bentsen, the veteran Texas senator who resigned to take up the post of Treasury secretary in the Clinton administration. Twenty-four candidates are up for the post, the largest field since 1961 when the last such election was held to find a successor for Lyndon Johnson.

Few of the candidates have achieved significant recognition, since their views and campaign commercials have tended to be squeezed between news of the siege and subsequent fire at the headquarters of the Branch Davidian cult.

If, as expected, no candidate gains more than 50 per cent of the vote, then a run-off will be held late this month or early in June between the two front-runners. One will almost certainly be Bob Krueger, a Texas Railroad commissioner and former congressman selected by Ann Richards, the state governor, as interim senator. Mr Kreuger is the head of the pack, but he faces a stiff challenge from several of his ten Republican opponents.

Phil Gramm, the Republican national senator from Texas, said recently: "This race has profound national implications. One more vote in the senate will make a big difference" — an indication that the Republicans scent victory in a run-off.

Americans to clamp down on old friends' espionage

BY BEN MACINTYRE

IGNORING La Rochefoucauld's dictum that "it is more shameful to distrust one's friends than to be deceived by them", America is cracking down on industrial espionage apparently being carried out by some of its oldest allies.

This week, Clinton administration officials concluded that a 21-page document leaked to the media listing US aerospace technology companies as spying targets was the work of French agents. While an embarrassed Paris has suggested the document may be a fake, American officials think it is authentic.

Written in French on the notepaper of the department of commerce, science and technology — a French intelligence unit — the document lists virtually every significant aerospace technology product in America. Officials believe it is evidence of an effort to steal technological secrets of value to French companies.

The document appears to have been prepared in 1989 or 1990, and lays emphasis on technology companies that compete with government-owned French companies. Last month, the Pentagon withdrew its support for the Paris air show, a prime marketplace for American defence and technology manufacturers, and the CIA is said to have warned US aerospace companies to keep an eye on blueprints. Washington is reportedly preparing to boost security against industrial espionage and is threatening to exact severe penalties on countries, be they friend or foe, that promote it.

"No more Mr Nice Guy," *The New York Times* quoted one intelligence official as saying, perhaps a novel way to describe the CIA. The paper noted that "discussions" had taken place between Washington and Paris.

The number of industrial espionage cases under investigation has leapt from ten to 500 over the past nine months. The days when spying was a case of Us (the West) and Them (the Soviet Union) have gone. The large number of unemployed spies, the fact that nobody quite knows who is on which side, economically speaking, and the international economic downturn have placed a premium on industrial secrets. US officials have also said that "Japan, South Korea and another [unnamed] European country" are on their list of offenders.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Envoys held in cave by Afghans

Islamabad: A Briton and two other European diplomats kidnapped in Afghanistan have smuggled out a letter saying they are being held in chains in a cave with only bread and tea for food, diplomats here said yesterday.

"Things are going very badly. We are locked up in a cave in a camp of the Mujahidin," said the letter that reached Quetta, capital of Pakistan's western province of Baluchistan. Jack Dodds, a second secretary at the British high commission in Karachi, Stefan Elhert of Germany and Gert Piening of The Netherlands were abducted eight days ago by an Afghan Mujahidin commander. The three anti-drugs officials were on a duty trip to Baluchistan.

"Mentally and physically we are not able to stand this much longer," the diplomats quoted the letter as saying. They said it was genuine. However, Pakistani officials said the men had plenty of food. *(Reuter)*

Patten's goal

Washington: Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, is due to arrive here to lobby against Congress's assault on China's trading status. President Clinton is expected to meet him, a move that would show support for Mr Patten's plans for more democracy in the colony.

Hamadi move

Saarbrücken: Abbas Hamadi, a Lebanese terrorist jailed in Germany, will be freed in August, officials said, adding that by then he would qualify for early release. The fate of his brother Muhammad, who is serving a life term, is not under discussion. *(AFP)*

Chad massacre

Ndjamena: Chad confirmed claims by human rights groups of an April 5 massacre of villagers by the secret service. Fidel Moungar, acting prime minister, said that those involved had been arrested. More than 100 people were reportedly killed. *(Reuter)*

Flight control

Harare: The Zimbabwean national airline, Air Zimbabwe, is to tighten its passenger screening system after accumulating £382,000 in fines over the past five years for landing people at Gatwick airport without proper immigration papers. *(Reuter)*

Murder couple

Agana, Guam: A court has convicted a politician, John Ngiraked, and his wife of masterminding the 1985 murder of the Pacific island's first president, Haruo Remeliik. Patrick Remarii, the gunman, said Ngiraked offered him cash and gifts. *(Reuter)*

Ganges protest

Dhaka: Nearly 25,000 Bangladeshis attended a rally organised by the opposition Jamaat-e Islami party near Pakshey, on the parched bed of the Padma river — the Ganges in India — to demand that India release water from a barrage. *(Reuter)*

Timor pullout

Dili: Indonesia has disbanded a special force in East Timor, saying the capture of rebel leader Jose Alexandre Gusmao in the former Portuguese colony means fewer troops are needed to fight guerrillas in the annexed country. *(AP)*

Squalid station's future on the line

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

HOWRAH railway station in Calcutta, gateway to Kipling's "city of darkest night" and a thriving bedlam, has been ordered to close because the 600,000 people who pass through it daily produce so much rubbish.

The British-built station, an ornate Victorian misfit in this eastern mêlée, accommodates a formidable concentration of humanity. Its platforms are full of beggars, drug dealers, bootleggers, sweetmeat sellers, news vendors and bawling porters, as well as thousands of squatters for whom this is home.

So great is the volume of sewage and rubbish from Howrah that the Hooghly river, which passes beside it, is becoming clogged.

Calcutta without Howrah station is inconceivable — like curry without rice. Already there are protests from around India.

The station has been ordered to close from May 15 after a Supreme Court decree empowering the West Bengal state's pollution control board to close industries discharging effluent into the Hooghly. The authorities have identified 38 "gross polluting industries". Howrah station is the worst of all.

Officials of Eastern Railways, which is reponsible for Howrah, have ignored all letters. Now they may appeal to the court for a stay on the closure order, or it may pull political strings to remain in business. Some solution seems likely, if only because of fears of a riot among the army of poor for whom Howrah is a lifeline.



Forty years on, the great survivor Husain pledges to strengthen democracy in his kingdom

Palestinian exiles make triumphant return from Jordan

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AS KING Husain, a rock in the shifting sands of Middle East politics, prepares to celebrate 40 years on the throne tomorrow, the return of a group of Palestinian exiles to Israel yesterday symbolised his ability to ride out the most violent of political storms.

Fifteen Arabs deported by Israel before the Palestinian uprising returned home to a rapturous welcome after Israel ended their exile in order to bolster the Middle East peace talks. About 5,000 Palestinians, cheering and singing nationalist songs, mobbed the returnees — who were among 30 Palestinian deportees Israel had agreed to allow home — as they entered the occupied West Bank from Jordan after crossing the Allenby Bridge.

Jericho, the nearest town to the bridge, was festooned with banners to greet the group, the first Palestinians Israel has allowed back to their homes out of up to 2,000 activists it has expelled since 1967 from the occupied territories. Motorists fixed olive branches and flowers to their cars.

In Jordan, home for years for the deportees, King Husain marks four decades of rule during which he has survived wars, foiled coups and 11 assassination attempts. At 57, the Harrow-educated, Sandhurst-trained monarch is at the peak of his domestic popularity. He also recently engineered a smooth return to the pro-Western diplomatic camp after being cold-shouldered for his apparent support of President Saddam Hussein in the Gulf war.

A man whose physical stature and extraordinary courage have earned him the diplomatic soubriquet of "PLK" (plucky little king), the Jordanian monarch has recently emerged as the unlikely leader of the slow-moving campaign to spread democracy in the Arab world. He confirmed this week that Jordan would hold its first multiparty election in more than three decades this year. He gave no date for the poll, but said it would be staged "around November". His skill at keeping Islamic fundamentalism at bay and balancing the bitter racial differences in his kingdom, now more than 60 per cent Palestinian, have ensured the anniversary celebrations will be tinged with fears about what will happen when he goes.

This anxiety, usually kept below the remarkably polite surface of Jordanian society (a senior journalist who raised it last year received death threats), has been magnified by the king's cancer operation last year, and his own public intimation of mortality. In a speech last November after admitting he would have to return to America every six months for checks on the disease which resulted in the removal of a kidney and his left ureter, the king said: "The life of an enlightened people cannot be measured by the life of an individual. One recognises that every living soul will meet its destined end." The next check-up is due this month. Although the doctors have given a clean bill of health, concern about the succession is now the dominant feature of Jordanian life. "We would be like a family without a head, and it is terrifying just to think of it," Muhammad Karaki, a civil engineer, said in reference to the possibility of the king standing down.

In 1965, the king used his right to bypass his second brother, Mohammed — still a prominent member of Jordanian society — to name his Oxford-educated younger brother, Hassan, as crown prince. Although the polo-loving prince is noted for his mordant wit and grasp of regional affairs, some members of the Jordanian court fear he lacks the common touch of his elder brother.

As a youth who came to the throne when Eisenhower, Eden, and Nasser were all in power, the king — who met one of his wives while Scottish dancing near to the Dead Sea — has continued to demonstrate his ability to learn on his feet in a region renowned for unpredictability.



Enduring power: Crown Prince Husain, left, in 1953. The Jordanian monarch, who on Sunday marks four decades on the throne, yesterday congratulating Faiq Warad, expelled by Israel in 1967. Mr Warad is one of 30 Palestinians Israel has agreed to allow to return home

Clinton toughens line on Saddam

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AN IRAQI plot to assassinate George Bush has spurred the Clinton administration to take a tough new approach in its efforts to overthrow President Saddam Hussein.

Washington officials yesterday conceded the seriousness of the foiled conspiracy to detonate a car bomb close to Mr Bush during his triumphant two-day visit to Kuwait two weeks ago. Kuwaiti officials have arrested a group of 17 Iraqis, stateless Arabs and Kuwaitis in connection with the plot. An Iraqi in custody has confessed to planning the attack, which was to have been carried out with a car bearing Kuwaiti licence plates that had been stolen and taken to Iraq during the occupation of Kuwait by Saddam's forces.

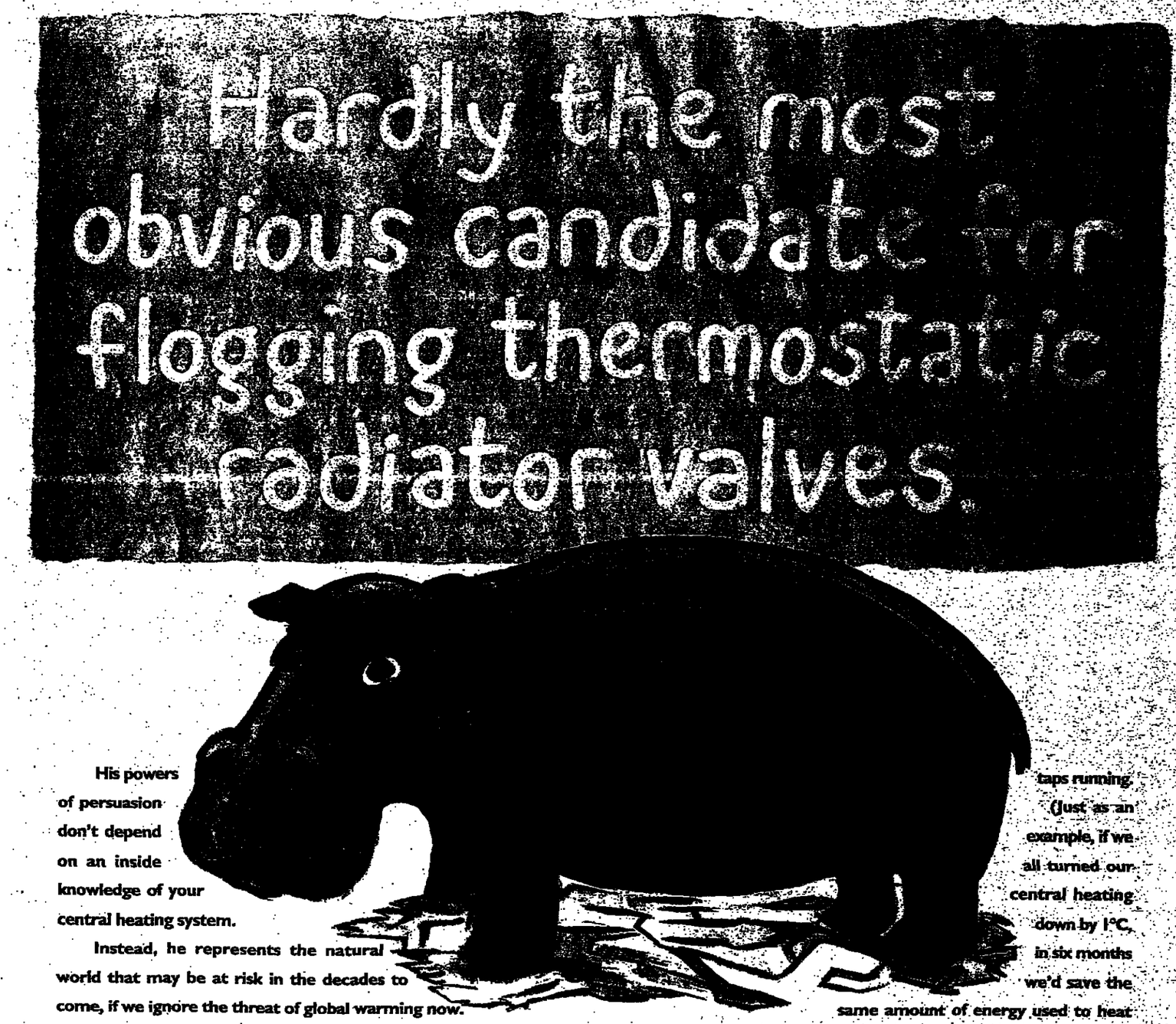
Members of what Kuwait calls an "Iraqi sabotage network" drove from Iraq to Kuwait for the Bush visit in several cars laden with at least 550lb of explosives. They were intercepted before they got near the festivities to honour the former president's leadership of the Gulf war coalition.

Against this background, Mr Clinton has pledged support for the Iraqi National Congress, an umbrella opposition group trying to bring about Saddam's downfall. The group already controls much of the northern part of the country in the Kurdish region and also enjoys support among dissident Shia and Sunni Muslims.

When he was president, Mr Bush rather cold-shouldered the Iraqi National Congress, hoping instead that Saddam's military officers would stage a coup against him. But the Clinton administration wants to help the group muster support within Iraq and also gain the backing of Iraq's neighbours, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Turkey.

Al Gore, the vice-president, and other senior American officials have held a series of meetings with exiled leaders of the Iraqi National Congress to underscore the new policy. Initially, Mr Clinton had tried to depersonalise America's argument with Iraq, saying he could work with Saddam if the Iraqi dictator changed his ways. The policy shift is intended to signal that Saddam's overthrow is sought as ardently by President Clinton as it was by Mr Bush, and that the opposition group is regarded as having more political legitimacy than the Iraqi military.

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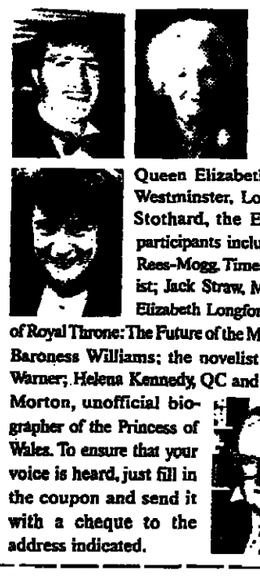
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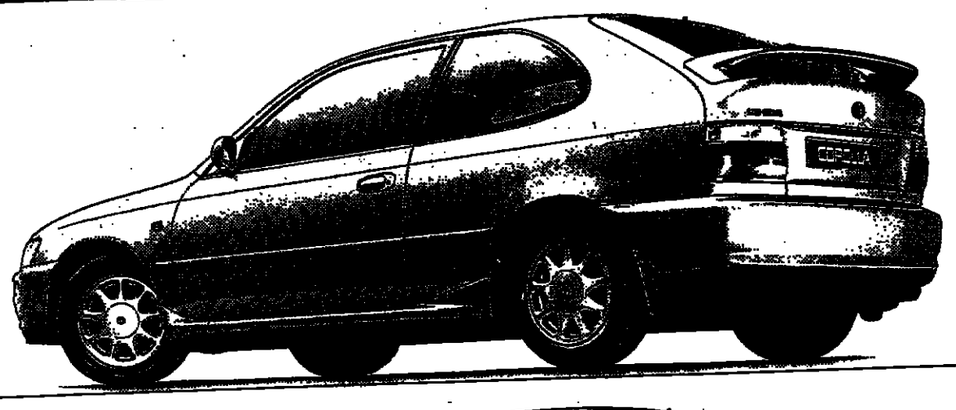
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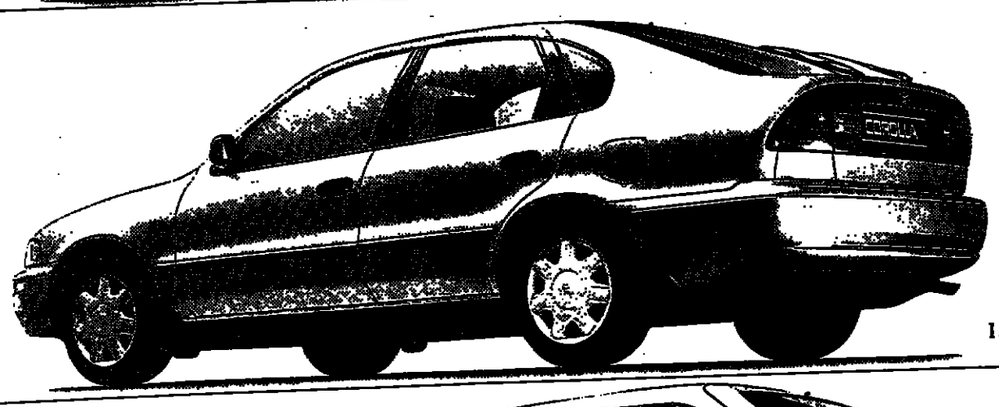
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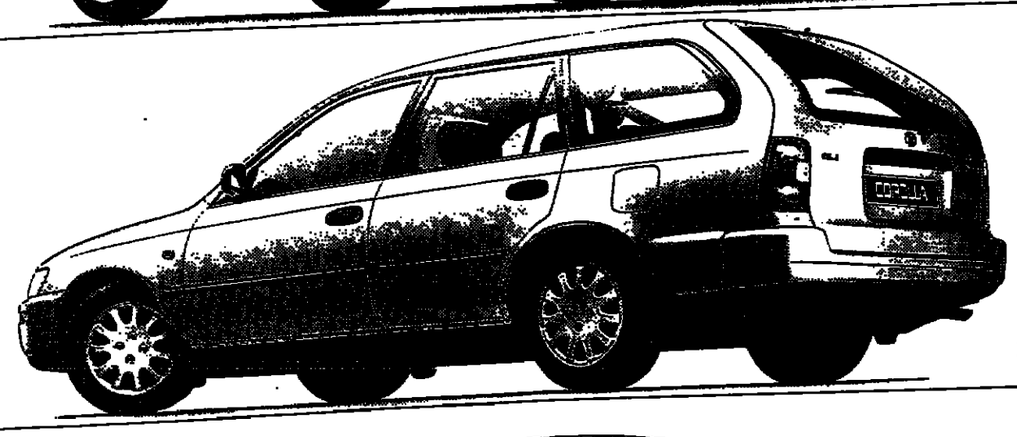
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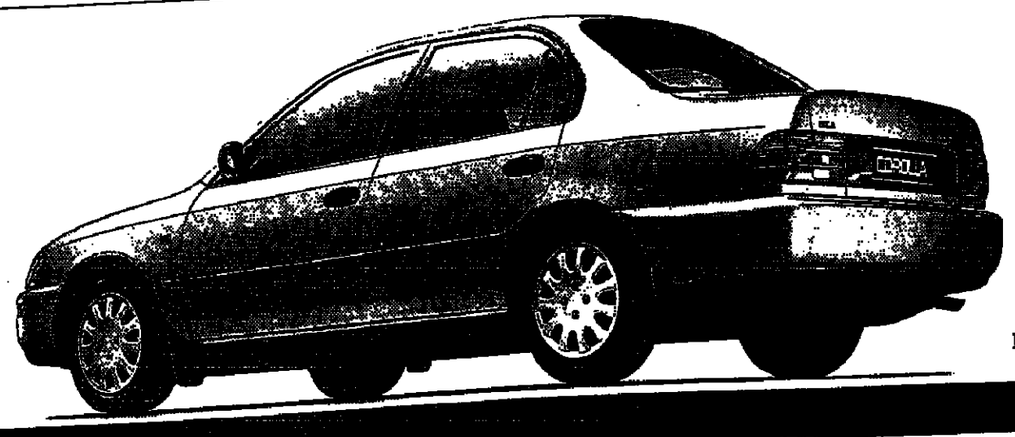
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Alexander Chancellor in New York



■ Although more than two centuries old, a pile of bones is the living centre of a racial controversy

America's acute racial sensitivities manifest themselves daily in bizarre forms, a recent example being at the University of Pennsylvania, where a white freshman was threatened with expulsion last week, accused of shouting racial insults at a group of black women students.

According to a report of the affair in *The Wall Street Journal*, the freshman, Eden Jacobowitz was working in his room after midnight when women members of a black sorority parked themselves outside and began shouting and stamping their feet and generally kicking up an unholy din. Mr Jacobowitz went to the window and yelled that they were water-buffalo, and if they wished to behave like that they should go and do so in the nearby zoo.

During interrogation by the campus police, Mr Jacobowitz admitted calling the women water-buffalo, but denied that their race had anything to do with his anger. Although he was supported by prominent university authorities on Afro-American culture, history, and sociology, who could find nothing racial in a term commonly applied on campus to noisy fraternity houses, a campus judicial officer determined that he had intended a racial slur because the word water-buffalo suggested "large black animals that live in Africa". Mr Jacobowitz was told that the matter would be dropped if he agreed to attend a racial sensitivity seminar and to have a racial harassment charge noted on his university record. Refusing the offer, he was sent for trial, with the prospect of expulsion if convicted.

On an altogether different scale of magnitude and acrimony has been a controversy about the African Burial Ground in lower Manhattan which is the cover story in the current issue of *The Village Voice*. It is a story which began with a property developer's nightmare, comparable in some ways to the saga of the Rose Theatre in London.

Two years ago the government's General Services Agency started digging foundations for a new 34-storey office block on the corner of Duane Street and Broadway, knowing that it was close to the site of an early-18th-century black cemetery but anticipating the discovery of at most ten human skeletons there. However, an archaeological team soon found that instead of ten, there were the remains of hundreds of skeletons, stacked up five deep below ground.

Appalled by the prospect of delays that could add millions to the cost of the $276 million project, the GSA got some 50 excavators to work 12 hours a day seven days a week, so as to clear the site as quickly as possible. Working at high speed, they eventually unearthed the remains of 430 skeletons, which were transported for storage to a repository at Lehmann College in the Bronx, the base of the New York Metropolitan Forensic Anthropology Team (MFAT), which planned to clean, conserve and study them.

But so far, no cleaning or conservation or scientific study of the bones has begun, although their condition has begun to deteriorate. The reason was the establishment early on of a coalition of black interests, calling itself "the community", to challenge the right and competence of a white archaeological team to undertake the research.

New York's black mayor, David Dinkins, became involved. A congressional advisory committee was set up. But the most articulate and active opponent of MFAT was a black anthropologist, Dr Michael Blakey, from Howard University in Washington DC, who urged that the bones be taken to his university for study. Dr Blakey described the remains, thought mainly to be of African slaves, as the single greatest source of information on the African-American presence in colonial America ("the Plymouth Rock of black people" is how one white archaeologist has described them) and said: "For MFAT to have possession of these remains resembles, to the African-American community, what it would be for the Jews to have the Nazis study victims of the Holocaust, of *their* Holocaust."

The slaves' bones will be studied from a black perspective

Dr Blakey told *The Village Voice* that the comparison was not intended to be "literal", but was "effective in communicating the emotional feelings the descendant community has relative to this matter". And these emotional feelings have been expressed in some curious ways.

Hoping to earn some goodwill with "the community", MFAT allowed visitors to the repository where the bones are now stored in steel cabinets, and a kind of cult has grown up around them. Members of "the community" have established a shrine in the repository and placed there offerings of uncertain significance: a heart-shaped dish of shells, earth from Lake Victoria, candles, dried flowers, money, a railway spike, and a wineglass filled with a clear liquid which is suspected to be gin.

Finally Dr Blakey has won. It has been ruled that he may take the bones to Howard University and study them there from his own, black historical perspective. Meanwhile, valuable time has been lost, and any solution to the great national argument about how history should be written and taught has come to seem still further away.

Daniel Johnson welcomes the boost to the image of chess given by the Short-Kasparov match

An unrespectable art finds itself in fashion

Chess never used to be trendy. For those who wanted to be thought sophisticated, its image could scarcely have been dowdier. Chess goes with wearing castoffs from Oxfam shops, frequenting secondhand bookshops, preferring Ferdie Mount's *Times Literary Supplement* to Julie Burchill's *Modern Review* and Jascha Heifetz's fiddling to Nigel Kennedy's. Chess was hopelessly square, at best a harmless occupation for cranks, at worst the obsession of incipient lunatics.

For those of us who like chess, that was just fine. We could do without those who thought us freaks. The four million people who play chess in Britain are overwhelmingly young. We could afford to wait. Until, that is, the Kasparov-Short match became first a possibility, then the most exciting event in London this year. Now chess is *the* game to be seen playing. Walkmans? Forget them. The designer accessory for 1993 is the pocket chess-set.

There was a time, though, when chess, the game of kings, was a pastime of rich and powerful men (seldom women: that is changing now). The first grandmasters were courtiers at the pleasure domes of the Caliphs of Baghdad. Chess was played at the courts of medieval monarchs (there are reports of bad losers hitting their opponents over the head with heavy ivory chessmen) and chess-playing chancellors such as Lord Lawson know that the Exchequer takes its name from the game. It surfaces in morality tales such as the *Gesta Romanorum*, in which a Roman emperor reflects during a game on how even the mighty king may be checkmated. One of the first books printed in English by Caxton was about chess; that was around 1475, when the modern rules of the game were devised in southern Europe, and soon spread north. Not much has changed since.

As the focus of high culture gradually moved from courts to coffee houses in the 18th century, chess became a fashionable activity for writers, artists and radicals, especially in Paris. The young Rousseau and the young Napoleon both played the game at haunts such as the celebrated Café de la Régence, the setting for Diderot's astonishing narrative *Rameau's nephew*, which portrays just such a member of what later became known as the intellectual proletariat.

The king of chess in those days was François-André Danican Philidor (1726-1795), the first recognisably modern master, and the first man to embody the mysterious affinity between chess and music. Philidor was a fine, possibly a great composer in the French manner, which Mozart rendered obsolete; he learnt chess as a boy of ten at the chapel royal, and was soon acknowledged as the best player in France. Invited to Berlin by Frederick the Great, he had to leave in a hurry because puritanical Prussians objected to his mistress. He ended his life in London, where his simultaneous displays of blindfold chess on three boards evoked astonishment. It irked him that he was more famous as a chess-player than a composer, for he regarded music as his profession and chess only as his "diversion".

That has been the trouble with chess ever since: it is too absorbing to be a mere game, but too divorced from the rest of life to be regarded by society at large as an art, still less a respectable occupation. One sees this clearly in the career of Howard Staunton, the greatest British master before Nigel Short and the unofficial world champion after his defeat of the French champion Saint-Amant in 1843. Staunton wrote the first chess column and several classic works on the game, but he wanted to be thought a gentleman rather than a player, and did indeed achieve eminence in literary circles for his edition of Shakespeare.

Thanks to Staunton, chess in this country reached a peak in 1851 with the first chess "tournament" (the medieval word was revived for the purpose), in London. Chess crossed social and intellectual barriers: it was popular with serious-minded Victorians such as the historian of civilisation H.T. Buckle (second only to Staunton) and Karl Marx, who would disappear for days for chess binges with fellow bohemians; but the success of *Alice through the Looking-Glass* testifies to its popularity as a children's parlour game too.

London was the capital of chess in those days. The first official world champion, Wilhelm Steinitz, lived for a time in London, as did his bitterest rival, Johann Zukertort, and his successor, Emanuel Lasker. All three were Jewish, and this tradition has continued to the present: both Bobby Fischer and Garry Kasparov, to name but two of the most famous, are part Jewish. Like Lewis Carroll, Lasker was drawn to chess through mathematics, which like music has a special affinity with chess. A friend of Einstein, he had the most formidable mind of any world champion, and held the crown for a record 27 years.

In chess, as in so much else that was precious in European culture, the 20th century has done much harm. The long years of Soviet domination did not destroy the game's popularity in Britain, but at an international level it came to be dominated by bureaucracy. Chess was marginal to the intellectual and social life of Britain. The last prime minister to be a strong amateur was Balfour, though in retirement Lord Callaghan has been a benevolent patron of the game, and the former Labour leader Michael Foot is a keen player.

Fischer's match against Spassky in 1972 created a huge vogue, though his reign as world champion was brief and disappointing, and his eccentric behaviour reinforced the wacky stereotype. Now Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short are doing for chess something which no officials could ever achieve: their combination of charisma and normality is bringing chess out of the closet.

Monarchy opens its gates

Great buildings are cathedrals of history, and if the public is to pay for them, the clerisy cannot keep them out

So it took a fire to open the Palace. Twenty years of lobbying and arguing and being rebuffed did no good. "Perhaps in my lifetime," was as far as the most amenable of the Queen's secretaries would respond. That the British change their institutions only after rational argument is a fallacy. We change them, as Chesterton said, only when struck over the head with a blunt instrument. In this case, the instrument was a spotlight left too near a curtain in the chapel of Windsor Castle.

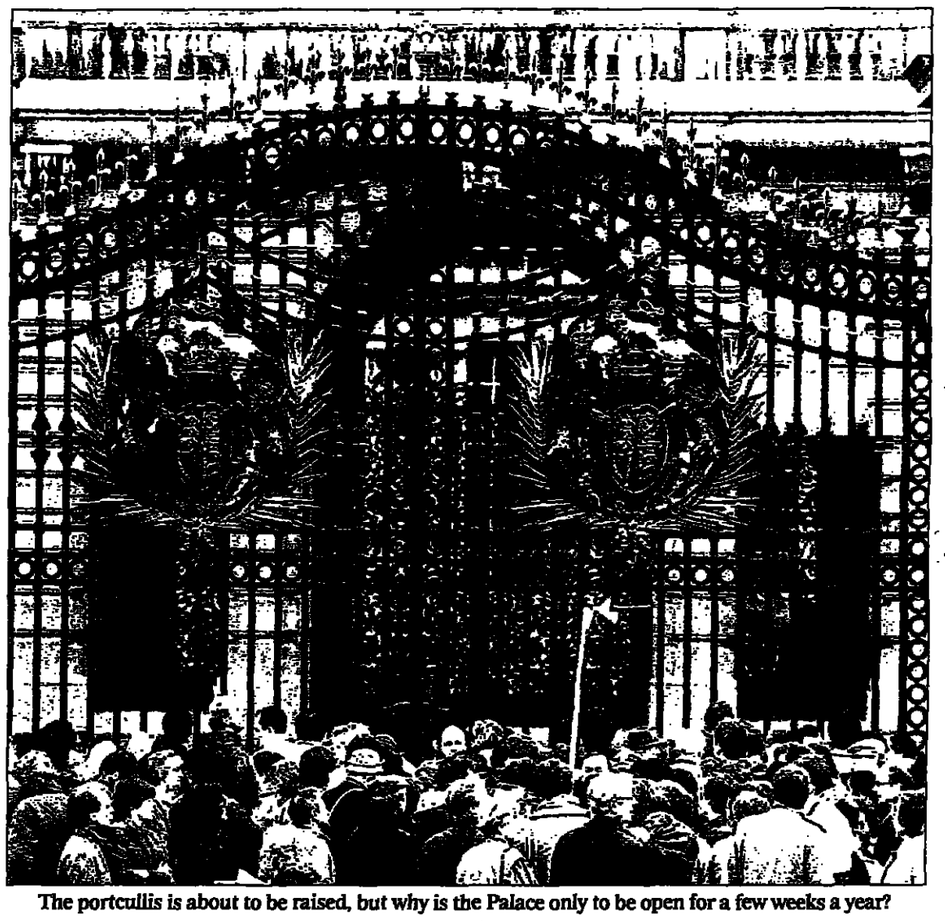
Suddenly the Bastille has fallen. The doors of the Louvre are thrown open — or at least pushed ajar. Buckingham Palace is to open to the public. This is good news. The Palace is the most splendid house in London. The tedious Aston Webb façade of 1912 — was a worse building ever more photographed? — is indeed just a façade. A future age will demolish it and put poor Marble Arch back in its original position as the gateway to Nash's courtyard. Behind lies the Palace designed by Nash for George IV. It was not occupied until the accession of Queen Victoria. William IV had even offered the uncompleted building to the House of Commons after the Westminster fire of 1834. Britain would have had a classical legislature rather than a gothic one — with untold consequences for the constitution.

Buckingham Palace has never been a favourite of the royal family, which normally prefers Windsor. It is more a town house than a home, a place above the shop. It is a huge national museum. The collection inside is still referred to as belonging privately to the Queen, enabling list-makers misleadingly to call her the world's richest woman. The royal collection, as the Prince of Wales has acknowledged, is a state collection. Referring to the pictures (in Christopher Lloyd's admirable book about them) he writes, "They are not strictly speaking the private property of the sovereign. They are to all intents and purposes national heirlooms."

Last year's National Gallery exhibition, Mr Lloyd's television series and the Queen's Gallery in Buckingham Gate have all been used to display bits of the collection. But loans are no substitute for seeing the pictures *in situ*. The French, the Germans, the Dutch, the Spanish can see the treasures amassed by their rulers over the ages. Only the British, with the most flourishing constitutional monarchy of all, were not allowed to do so.

Until now. Few Britons realise what awaits them. From a fleeting visit, I recall the staircase, drawing rooms and galleries as being John Nash at his most spectacular, interiors to equal his Regent's Park exteriors. Nash the speculator was often a cheapskate builder: not Nash at Buckingham Palace. The staircase balustrade alone cost £3,900 in 1828, and is the finest Regency ironwork. The blue drawing room is more sumptuous than anything at Lancaster House or Marlborough House. George IV had not wanted this to be a palace. He asked for the old Buckingham House to be converted into a private *pied à terre*, meaning to continue holding his court at St James's. But when he saw some of Nash's interiors, he changed his mind.

The architecture, however, pales when compared to the artistic treasures. Although not all in the Palace, the royal collection is an almost unknown treasure trove. With 7,000 pictures, it is three times the size of the National Gallery collection in Trafalgar Square. For many periods, such as the Dutch 16th and 17th centuries, it is far superior. The main picture gallery alone, with masterpieces by Vermeer, Rembrandt, de Hooch, Van Dyck and Rubens, must be the most dazzling picture room in Europe. Most of the year it lies deserted. No other Vermeer in the world is not on public view.



The portcullis is about to be raised, but why is the Palace only to be open for a few weeks a year?

Simon Jenkins

Following the traumatic accident at Windsor, the collection was last year put under a charitable trust to avoid any question of tax. Exemption acknowledges that heirlooms are in the public domain, and access will compensate for the notional loss of tax revenue. My only regret about this week's announcement is that it was half-hearted. This momentous event was made to seem like no more than a passing concession to pay for the Windsor fire. Opening must surely be extended beyond two months a year for five years.

I always felt that opening royal palaces to the public — Buckingham Palace is the last to lower its drawbridge — was a safer way of making the monarch approachable than regular intrusions by television. Those subjects who cannot participate in the great occasions of state but are still expected to pay for them should in all fairness be allowed some reflected glory. Americans do not troop through the White House just in the hope of glimpsing the president. This is the inner sanctum of their constitution, and they want to see it. Why not?

Palaces used to be filled with people. A medieval lord would eat in his castle hall and pride himself on it being accessible to his subjects. Privacy, whatever the libertarians say, is an affectation of modern civilisation. That the royal family should be forced to conduct so much of its business in public indicates its prominence and status. As the Queen ruefully points out, monarchy does not come *à la carte*. It is an archaic concept and adheres to archaic rituals. That its public chambers should be open to the public is one.

The Palace authorities will have all my sympathy if they are now attacked for this first step of virtue. I have no doubt articles are already being penned sneering at "Buck House joining theme-park Britain". Within hours of Thursday's announcement, the Labour party was deriding it as highly unsatisfactory, a "dog's dinner of a scheme". The old left hates seeing its foxes shot. Equally the New Right will deplore this sign of the royal family "selling out to the heritage industry".

Nobody is selling out. Great buildings are cathedrals of history, and if the public is to pay for them, the clerisy cannot keep them out. In these cathedrals we worship ancestral gods and admire their relics. I can see nothing wrong in that, nor in the Queen turning an honest penny in the process. "O call back yesterday, bid time return!" Shakespeare had her predecessor Richard II cry. If we find modern politics dreary, what harm in contemplating its ancient glories.

I was recently impressed to see how confidently the people of Warsaw rebuilt their ruined city after the war. There was no whingeing about "theme-park Poland". They have simply rebuilt the old Royal Castle, entirely from private donations. A British royal castle is also to be restored with private donations — those of visitors seeing inside Buckingham Palace for the first time. What a bonus they are getting for their money. This revolution began with a tragic fire, but it's an ill wind that blows no good.

Booked in

THE WRITING team behind the most coveted biography of the year is enjoying a working weekend at a country retreat near Manchester, courtesy of Margaret Thatcher. The former prime minister and her wordsmiths are putting the final touches to her memoirs, which some say are beginning to assume the style of a thriller.

John O'Sullivan, editor of the *National Review* in New York, who is putting the final gloss on Thatcher's words, flew into Manchester this weekend to join the rest of the team. The title is fixed as *The Downing Street Years*, even though Lady Thatcher would have preferred *Not for Turning*; the cover will be graced by the former prime minister in full spate at the CBI conference held at Glasgow in 1987.

Fears that the book will be too dry should be ruled out, says the Thatcher camp. John O'Sullivan is said to have applied a top-spin not unlike the style of Frederick Forsyth, one of the former prime minister's favourite novelists.

After the first draft was handed to HarperCollins, Lady Thatcher was told that more anecdotes were needed. She immediately held an "anecdote dinner party" at her Chester Square home, attended by Sir Bernard Ingham and others, where the tales began to flow with the wine. Lady Thatcher's faithful dresser, Cynthia Crawford, dutifully jotted them down.

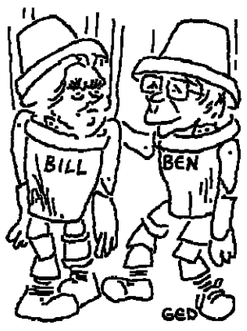
● *The medical profession was surprised, to say the least. At Bart's hospital's annual dinner for the medical college this week, one newspaper was acclaimed for its expertise by Professor Lesley Rees, the dean. Sadly, not* The Times. The News of the World *deserved credit, said Rees, because the paper has helped to clarify one of our modern medical mysteries: the difference between a transexual and a transvestite.*

Hello, blossom!

AT LAST we have physical evidence of the Chancellor's elusive green shoot. Not just in yesterday's Mori poll for *The Times*, which shows economic optimism at its highest since the general election. No; for the real green shoot we must head for No 11. Or, more precisely, for its back balcony.

Rosemary and Norman Lamont now have a budding crop of lovingly tended petunias and geraniums on the balcony; guests have discovered that the way to the Chancellor's heart is to draw parallels between their vigour and his resurgent economy.

But perhaps even more important to Lamont in his search for a blossoming Britain is the garden behind No 11. John Major allows his Chancellor, who has been known to wander the gardens at his Derneywood residence in pyjamas and dressing-gown, free access to this azalea-clad lawn — a privilege that Margaret Thatcher never, apparently, bestowed upon Nigel Lawson.



DIARY

Beastly union

IT MAY not be the most beautiful spot in the world, but, say Slough's Conservatives, the town has been unjustly slighted. They are objecting to the Labour council's latest proposal: twinning Slough with the mining town of Bolsover. The decision was taken this week at a council meeting to express the Labour group's solidarity with Heseltine-hit miners, despite Tory protests.

But Richard Stephenson, the Tory leader, is appalled: "I thought it was a joke at first. Slough doesn't deserve this. People know the local MP Dennis Skinner but no one here knows about Bolsover."

Exclusive: nearly

THE news that Buckingham Palace is to open to the public for eight weeks every summer may have delighted royal-watchers, but members of the National Art Collections Fund are sorely disappointed. The fund, whose patron is the Queen, had lined up an exclusive tour round the Palace for its members this autumn. Now, of course, the trip is considerably less exclusive.

David Barrie, the fund's director, is nonetheless pressing ahead. He admits, however, that the character of the trip has been changed. "It is no longer such a unique privilege. But it will still be special — our members will be given access to closed areas."

Houmous be first?

PROTOCOL problems are once again troubling the Greeks over this weekend's peace talks in Athens where Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen will launch another attempt to save their peace plan.

The question is, which of the two UN peace mediators should be given top billing? When they were last in Athens together, Vance played second fiddle to Owen, who sat at the right hand of the Greek prime minister at dinner.

This weekend, things are even more complicated because the party includes Thorvald Stoltenberg, the former Norwegian minister of foreign affairs, who shortly takes over from Vance. Sources say that Owen is likely to be top dog again because in the end it comes down to politics, and he is a big noise in the European Community. "Owen is known in Greece as a man who is doing a good job. He is quite a favourite," says the Greek embassy's Nicos Papadakis.



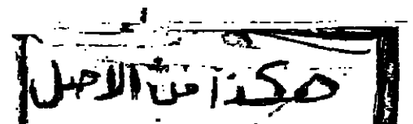
Branagh and Thompson: only one is a fellow

Rivals in reputation

His wife may have an Oscar, but she can't touch him yet in Shakespeare. Kenneth Branagh, who has been trailing in Emma Thompson's wake since she won her Oscar for *Howards End*, has just notched up his own, very considerable award.

Branagh is the first actor to become an honorary fellow of the Shakespeare Institute at the University of Birmingham. Even Lord Olivier was never honoured in such a way. The only other luvvies holding fellowships are the directors Frank Dunlop and Terry Hands.

Members of the institute have just been given a preview of Branagh's eagerly awaited film of *Much Ado About Nothing*, which is not expected to be on general release until August. The event took place in Leamington Spa, far from the eyes of prying journalists, and those who saw the film were hugely impressed. Which, of course, is just as well.



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SPOTLIGHT ON MILOSEVIC

The Athens meeting must not delay decisions on using force

There is a Yugoslav proverb that "the shirt is closer to the body than the coat". The best hope for progress in Athens this weekend is that the Serbs in Belgrade have finally felt the shirts being dragged from their backs and are putting their own interests ahead of pan-Serb solidarity.

Lord Owen believes that the course of the Balkan tragedy may find a turning point at this meeting of the warring parties. His view is that Serbia's strongman, Slobodan Milosevic — acting out of his own interests — has decided to compel the Bosnian Serbs to sign the Vance-Owen plan. He may be right. Mr Milosevic has turned on his allies before. Or he may be wrong. The strong public pressure on the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, may be no more than an illusion, yet another tactic to deflect the West. It is important that the West jump to no conclusion until it is sure which is correct.

Mr Milosevic has incentives to appear to co-operate. The new sanctions, harder to bypass than the old, are causing real anxiety in Belgrade, where resentment against the Bosnian Serbs is beginning to mount. Independent Serb estimates put the cost of supporting the Bosnian Serbs' military effort at a third of Serbia's GNP. The Serb leaders have been shocked by Boris Yeltsin's referendum victory and subsequent announcement that Serbia could expect no Russian protection unless the plan is implemented.

Above all, the Serbs want to avert Western military intervention. The public ruminations by Western military commanders may have damaged the cause of peace by convincing the Bosnian Serb leaders that they have nothing to fear. But their Belgrade paymasters are less certain. The greatest support the West can lend the UN mediators is therefore to speed up its military planning. Nothing, according to the Greek hosts, will be signed in Athens. Dr Karadzic talks only of "a big advance" enabling the self-styled Bosnian Serb parliament to accept, next Wednesday, the Vance-Owen map it rejected only last Monday.

Western hopes must not be raised too high. The advance which mattered yesterday was the Bosnian Serb offensive on Bihac, from Croatian territory theoretically under UN control. Mr Milosevic has given no sign that he is prepared to follow up formal signature, first by cutting off supplies of food, fuel, arms and spare parts and then by forcing the Bosnian Serbs to evacuate land and towns assigned to Bosnian Muslims under the Vance-Owen map. He may simply take the view that the Bosnian Serbs have achieved most of their territorial ambitions and that the Vance-Owen plan can be used as a vehicle for political consolidation of their gains. He may even believe that mere signature of the plan will be rewarded by an easing of sanctions.

The Athens meeting can be used to disabuse him of that conviction, and to restate the meaning of a Bosnian settlement which must, first, end the fighting, secondly, protect the territorial integrity of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and thirdly, incorporate the renunciation of "Greater Serbia" and an independent Croat "Herceg-Bosna". Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance should demand a firm undertaking by Mr Milosevic to put the frontier between Serbia and Bosnia under UN control. But they cannot, in the absence of a firm decision in Washington, back that demand with the threat that unless Serbia interdicts Bosnian Serb resupply lines, or permit the UN to interdict them, airstrikes will do the job. That only America can do.

The prospect of an early White House decision on using force was reinforced yesterday by General Colin Powell's insistence that the US is going ahead with "a wide range of military options". This show of decisiveness has been far too long in coming. Whatever comes out of Athens, the responsibility now rests with America, and the meetings that matter will be Warren Christopher's, in London tomorrow and in Moscow early next week.

JUDGING THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Ministers must face the lessons of Matrix Churchill

On the eve of Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the sale of arms to Iraq, ministers are, perhaps understandably, feeling jittery. They have been accused of breaching their own guidelines on the export of arms to President Saddam Hussein's regime, of misleading Parliament as to the nature of their policy, and of trying to suppress information that would prevent three innocent men from being sent to jail. Now, according to reports today, these ministers feel hard done by too — furious that the judge in the Matrix Churchill trial overrode their colleagues' requests to keep the crucial documents secret.

The Matrix Churchill defendants were accused by the prosecution of deceiving the trade and industry department into believing that equipment exported to Iraq was for civilian, not military use. The prosecution claimed that they tried to evade the ban on the export of military equipment to Iraq that had been in force since 1985. When Alan Clark, a former DTI minister, testified in court that the guidelines were "tiresome and intrusive" and that he had advised machine tools manufacturers exporting to Iraq to emphasise the civilian uses of their equipment in their applications for export licences, the prosecution case was swiftly dropped.

Some 500 previously classifed documents that the trial judge, Mr Justice Smedley, allowed to be shown to the defence showed conclusively that the guidelines were being interpreted "flexibly" to protect Britain's trade interests, even though some of the exports could clearly be used for developing nuclear weapons. Four ministers — Kenneth Clarke, Malcolm Rifkind, Michael Heseltine and Tristan Garel-Jones — signed "public interest immunity" (PII) certificates, trying to prevent any of these documents from being used in open court. Prosecution counsel was instructed to argue that this evidence would not help the defence.

PII is the legal principle that prevents the disclosure of evidence where the public interest in its concealment outweighs the public interest in its release. According to Lord Justice Mann in 1990, "where the interests of justice arise in a criminal case touching or concerning liberty, the weight to be attached to the interests of justice is plainly very great indeed". So the public interest in concealment must be overwhelming if it is to justify the withholding of documents that could otherwise ensure the acquittal of a defendant.

Ministers argue, none the less, that they were obliged to sign these PII certificates. In this they are supported by the attorney-general but disputed by many other legal experts. If ministers were so obliged to sign the certificates, then the judge had an even stronger duty to use his own judgment as to whether the evidence could be decently withheld.

If anything, British judges are often too ready to accept a minister's word on what constitutes damage to national security. Mr Justice Smedley did his duty with great care, excising passages from the documents that might have imperilled Britain's interests. But he was not prepared to conceal evidence simply on the grounds that it embarrassed ministers. For that he should be praised; and ministers should not complain of his actions. The national interest does not always equate with the interests of a government. It is vital to democracy that judges should have the power to make that distinction.

FANFARE OF APPROVAL

The Proms should stay true to their roots

The announcement of the Proms season is the musical equivalent of the first cuckoo in spring. Hearts lift a little at the promise of summer pleasures to come. But the season announced by the BBC for this summer is distinctly short of glamour. There will be none of those ferociously brilliant American orchestras visiting the Albert Hall this year; nor will the illustrious orchestras of Vienna, Berlin, Amsterdam or St Petersburg appear.

Instead, a host of less familiar groups fill the summer nights: the Docklands Sinfonietta, the St James's Baroque Players, Collegium Cartusianum, the Matrix Ensemble. No fewer than five youth orchestras are booked. As for the conductors and soloists, world-famous names are far outnumbered by unknowns and bright prospects.

All this will worry those who believe that glitter and expense are guarantors of musical quality. They will point to the 1993 Proms as further evidence that London, which reasonably claims to be the musical capital of the world, can no longer afford performances by the finest musicians. Although the discrepancy between British fees and those elsewhere has been apparent for years, until recently the reality was hidden because top musicians still believed it was important to be heard in London.

The first priority for John Drummond, director of the Proms, is not to hand out big cheques to millionaire musicians, but to use licence-payers' money to provide music-lovers of limited means — and particularly the young — with an unmatchable two-month voyage of musical discovery. This year's season fulfils that imperative superbly. For as little as £1.79 a night, a choice from 500 years of music becomes available, from the austere beauty of Renaissance choral music to the thrills of *The Rite of Spring*.

The missionary function of these unique concerts is particularly important this year. Tributes have rightly been paid to Classic FM, which has widened the radio audience for classical music beyond anybody's expectations. The challenge now is for promoters to tempt these newfound arm-chair music-lovers into the concert hall, to experience first-hand the physical excitement of a performance.

Perhaps it is a pity that the Promenaders this year will not be unleashing their mighty cheer at the end of some silky Vienna Philharmonic performance. The super-league ensembles and soloists ought now to be thinking hard about whether they are pricing themselves out of the reach of audiences who best appreciate their genius. But that is their problem, not the Proms'. The "greatest music festival in the world" has proved, as it approaches its centenary in 1995, that its programming is tailored to its audience, not to the demands of the music business. And, by force of circumstance, it is even more of a platform for rising British talent than usual. That is worth a fanfare of approval.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Caution on UN action in Bosnia

From the Chairman of the Free Church Federal Council and the Bishop of Tuam, Killala and Achonry

Sir, The increasing calls for military intervention in Bosnia and Serbia give us great cause for concern. It is understandable that in the seeming impasse in the negotiations undertaken by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance there are those who wish to see direct action that is marked by strength and resolution, and perceive that this is best done by attacks by United Nations forces on selected targets. That may relieve our own feelings of frustration and guilt, but there is little evidence that it will resolve the political situation.

We write as co-leaders of a delegation of the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland who visited Serbia and Croatia in January and February of this year.

In our discussions with the British delegation of the European Community monitoring mission and in the offices of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), there were strong pleas that under no circumstances should the UN intervene militarily other than to secure a peace agreement which had been signed by all sides. Should we try to enforce a settlement without such agreement, the three contenders — Serb, Croat and Muslim — would immediately view the UN forces as the aggressors.

This would not only endanger more lives, on all sides, but would frustrate the work already being done by the UNHCR and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Their ability to bring relief to the thousands of refugees would be imperilled. It is not widely appreciated that the current relief effort of the UNHCR is the single biggest that it has ever mounted, and is itself a massive intervention to save lives, often at great risk to those who are delivering the aid and protecting the transport supplying it.

Furthermore, if the aim is to bring relief to Muslim communities, military intervention will be counter-productive. UN forces would be unable to contact the besieged communities in eastern Bosnia around Srebrenica, Cerska and Gorazde. Much more critically, the large Muslim pocket in north-western Bosnia centred on Bihac would be isolated, with Serb-controlled areas of Bosnia to its east and south, and the Serb-occupied areas of Croatia to its north and west, and it is to this area that many Muslims who have been purged from their villages have fled and from which they have been rescued. We are also aware that Muslim communities have suffered oppression from both Croat and Serb forces.

A reflection on the ability of the guerrilla forces under Tito to hold out against the German army during the last world war in this terrain will demonstrate the inadvisability of land forces attempting any occupation. This is a land in which hitherto Croat, Serb and Muslim have lived side by side within communities: it is impossible so accurately to target weaponry that only one party in the dispute is punished and the others are left unaffected.

We should recognise the complexity of the situation in Bosnia, be aware of the powder keg lying in Macedonia, strengthen and affirm the work of the UNHCR, ICRC and the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe and pursue more vigorously the policy of diplomacy and more effective sanctions.

Yours faithfully,
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April 28.

From Miss Nora Beloff

Sir, Herr Manfred Wörner (leading article, April 29) can be presumed to share his compatriots' commitment to an independent Croatia within the contours of its Tito-traced boundaries. As things have turned out, this is requiring the virtual destruction of Serbia. As secretary general of Nato he also has a vested interest in promoting the rule of an organisation which, at the present time, looks as if it may have lost its purpose.

Certainly he has as much right as the next man to feel deeply on this emotive subject. But is it not outrageous that a servant of an alliance of sovereign governments uses his position to campaign for a war against Serbia at a time when this is not the policy of any single Nato member?

Yours etc,
NORA BELOFF,
11 Belsize Road, NW6.

From Major-General J. D. Lunt

Sir, How is it that those politicians (and their sympathisers) who are clamouring for our armed intervention in the Bosnian conflict accepted so complacently the government's emasculation of our own armed forces? I am prepared to bet that the contingencies considered during the drafting of "Options for Change" did not include armed involvement in the Balkans.

Yours etc,
JAMES LUNT,
Hilltop House,
Little Milton, Oxfordshire.

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Safety worries in the bomb-hit City

From Mr G. E. Allan

Sir, There is already a strong environmental case for extensive restrictions on traffic in the City of London. It should not be obscured by the natural desire of the authorities to avoid giving in to terrorism as a result of the Bishopsgate bombing last Saturday (reports, April 26-29).

The need for an urgent but environmentally informed review of current Corporation of London (and Department of Transport) traffic management policies is underscored by the corporation's current plans, which will *increase* traffic volumes in the vicinity of the latest bomb. The department is even planning to make Bishopsgate a "red route".

This and other routes are intended to leave the centre of the City free for access traffic and delivery vehicles — precisely the source of the greatest danger — but with minimal environmental enhancements. The corporation has taken steps to ban parking around some sensitive buildings such as the Central Criminal Court in Old Bailey, the Stock Exchange and Lloyd's, but clearly the target is now the entire City and its concentration of expensive buildings.

Instead, the department and the corporation should be studying the extensive but almost forgotten 1985 report, "The Accessible City", produced on behalf of what is now the Centre for Independent Transport Research in London. It proposed a three-phase plan leading to the removal of most traffic from much of the City. Regrettably, City officials and financiers appear largely to have ignored it.

A judicious mixture of pedestrian priority measures, less parking, lower vehicle weights and tougher enforcement measures would make the City not only more secure but also a far more pleasant environment in which to live and do business.

Yours faithfully,
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(Chairman), The City of London Environment and Amenity Trust,
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April 29.

From Mr Alan Lettin

Sir, The latest terrorist bomb in the City of London must call into question the wisdom of closing the accident and emergency department at St Bartholomew's Hospital, or reducing its capacity to treat no more than minor injuries.

Simon Jenkins (April 28) speaks scornfully of the hospital "howling to be kept open for next time". In the last 20 years Bart's has been the major receiving hospital for those injured by the Old Bailey, Tower of London and Baltic Exchange bombs as well as the casualties from the Moorgate and Cannon Street rail crashes. The number, nature and severity of the injuries has been different each time.

Although the City is largely empty at the weekends, 41 people were injured and one died in the recent explosion. After the Old Bailey bomb in March 1973, 130 arrived at Bart's within the hour. Many with minor injuries walked, but in similar circumstances today is it likely that they would walk to the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel? Transporting the injured by ambulance or even buses through crowded streets would delay possible life-saving treatment. The first hour, "the golden hour" is all-important for the survival of the severely injured.

The Royal London Hospital helicopter is valuable but cannot land in narrow City streets and can evacuate no more than five casualties at a time.

The arrival of many casualties, however minor the injuries, requires a large number of doctors, ideally one to each patient, to assess and document injuries and decide priority of treatment, arrange X-rays and give antibiotics and tetanus toxoid injections. These doctors are, in the first instance, the resident house officers and only the larger hospitals have a sufficient number. It takes time to bring in staff from home and from other hospitals.

Experience has shown that it is difficult even for a major teaching hospital with many surgical teams to deal with more than 30 patients with major injuries. There is a limit to the number of X-ray machines, operating theatres and operating teams and ancillary staff available. Flying glass requires vascular surgeons to repair severed arteries and ophthalmic surgeons to deal with eye injuries, neurosurgeons to treat head injuries and surgeons to treat the chest. Plastic surgeons would be required, if not immediately, later to treat burns.

Those close to the explosion will have perforated ear drums and orthopaedic surgeons will be required to treat the inevitable injuries to bones and joints. All these injuries may be present singly or in combination.

This latest bomb re-emphasises the need to maintain a service to those who work and live in the City of London which has existed uninterrupted for 870 years.

Yours faithfully,
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April 28.

Anger on Maastricht

From Mr H. W. Smee

Sir, Of course we live in a parliamentary democracy and it is right that our MPs have our authority to govern without referendums. Before every parliamentary election the electors receive back that authority and by casting their votes they lend it again.

However, in this case our MPs are changing our constitution for ever, without a free vote in Parliament and following a general election campaign in which the electorate was deliberately excluded from the debate. No future House of Commons, even one elected with a massive mandate to do so, will be entitled to re-call that sovereignty.

Like the southern states of North America in the 1860s, we may well wake up one morning to find ourselves fighting to leave a federal republic into which we have been lured by endlessly duplicitous politicians, who have deliberately set out to hoodwink the electorate.

As chairman of Newbury Concern Over Maastricht, I can report that over the last week we have encountered great interest in this issue. Many of the electorate are not persuaded by the arguments of Dr Cunningham (letter, April 29). Most are lifelong supporters of the three main parties and are exceedingly angry at the way in which a small group of politicians, now nowhere in sight of public opinion, seem determined to ratify the Treaty on European Union, give away our independence and blight all our lives for years to come.

Only the Danes and the House of Lords stand between the nations of Europe and a disaster of truly historic proportions.

Yours faithfully,
H. W. SMEE, Chairman,
Newbury Concern Over Maastricht,
55a Northbrook Street,
Newbury, Berkshire.
April 29.

Violence on TV

From Mr Thomas Ruck Keene

Sir, Mr D. K. Payne (letter, April 27) draws attention to a particularly nasty and violent film shown on BBC2 on April 23 and asks: "Why on earth is the BBC buying such violent entertainment from America?" I find this a particularly interesting comment in light of your article ("Birt pledges BBC will not glamorise violence", March 31), in which he says: "We will do nothing to encourage anyone to think there is kudos or status to be earned by inflicting pain and damage on another human being."

Yours faithfully,
T. RUCK KEENE,
Goulds Grove, Ewelme,
Wallingford, Oxfordshire.

Mark Twain again

From Professor Emeritus Samuel H. Beer

Sir, The reference to "the late Professor Samuel Beer" by Peter Brimelow ("Enforced equality dictates a US economy of lost opportunities", April 16) has alarmed friends of mine in England. I should appreciate your giving me the space to assure them that the report is greatly exaggerated. In fact, I am going to London next week to promote my book, *To Make a Nation: The Rediscovery of American Federalism*, just published by the Harvard University Press.

Yours sincerely,
SAMUEL H. BEER,
Harvard University,
Faculty of Arts and Sciences,
Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.
April 27.

Radio choice

From Mr Brian Waters

Sir, Clive Davis's timely feature (Arts, April 23) on the imminent launch of Radio Virgin 1215 was extraordinary for its omission of any reference to the true progenitor of Britain's "radio revolution" — Radio Caroline.

With the usual speed of response we British have to live with where vested interests are concerned, it has taken over 29 years to bring Caroline ashore — which seems to be what Virgin promises.

Eventually we may get to enjoy the quality of choice common on American radio. I would like to see LBC given a national wavelength to provide the professional news service so lacking outside London (no shipping forecasts or soap operas at peak times, nor the superciliousness of Radio 4). It could do for talk radio what Classic FM has achieved so quickly for classical music.

The most obvious option for the end of the BBC's radio charter in 1996 will become even more transparent, releasing valuable frequencies to be dedicated to listeners rather than the producers.

Meanwhile, Richard Branson's suggestion that Radio Virgin should exchange its medium wavelength with Radio 4's FM frequency (report, April 29) seems to make sense.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN WATERS,
26 Clareville Street, SW7.
April 29.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Saudi ambassador and Bernard Levin

From the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia

Sir, With regard to Mr Bernard Levin's article, "He denied for his country" (April 27), I want you to know that I would have answered everything he said at length, had it not been my custom to ignore loutish columnists of manifestly low quality, shunned by decent persons and with a taste for mendacity.

With warm regards.
Yours faithfully,
GHAZI ALGOSAIBI,
Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia,
30 Charles Street, W1.
April 30.

Globe theatre site at risk from plants

From Mr Martin Clout

Sir, For the last three summers the evaluation site of the Globe theatre estate behind Anchor Terrace, Southwark, has been overgrown with flowering buddleia. Many of the sturdiest plants are growing over the two Globe theatres. They clearly have an ample supply of water and nutrients. This buddleia has been coppiced on an intermittent basis leaving roots which can extend downwards by three to four feet.

Since the present-day ground levels were not reinstated after the partial exploration in 1989, it is likely that roots are now growing through and feeding on the Globe theatres' remains, disturbing, dehydrating, re-oxygenating and reintroducing micro-organisms — conditions conducive to the promotion of organic and mineral decay.

A fourth season of buddleia shoots is now emerging. It is essential that these plants are immediately and thoroughly destroyed.

This dereliction is part of a shameful agenda for the Globe theatres' remains. It has been decided that plans for building and development must be submitted before any further archaeological exploration can take place. This is a cultural disgrace, unthinkable for archaeological sites of comparable importance.

Moreover, the scheduling of the Globe theatre estate in its entirety has been refused until such time as "substantial remains" beyond the current schedule have been found (report, August 25, 1992).

I would urge the Secretary of State for National Heritage, Peter Brooke, to promote a full evaluation and appropriate excavation without delay before the real Globe theatre and its estate decay any further from official neglect.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN CLOUT,
Whitehouse Farm, Hooe Road,
Ninfield, Battle, East Sussex.
April 23.

From Mr Francis Bennett

Sir, Sam Wanamaker is to be congratulated on his achievement at the replica Globe, particularly on his attention to Elizabethan detail over the building materials and design (Arts, April 21).

And *The Merry Wives of Windsor* will be an excellent pipe-opener. But why in modern dress? I suppose it would be too much to expect the performances to ape the original as well.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS BENNETT,
9 Howard Road, Dorking, Surrey.

Good and bad news

From Mr John White

Sir, The problem with getting "good" news into TV programmes (Martyn Lewis, "Now for the bad news . . .", Media, April 28) is not new.

At BBC TV News, some 20 years ago, we set up "dummy" runs for a programme to be called *Good News*. Reporters and news staff spent much time searching out and developing such stories, but there were pathetically few of them and the programme never got on the air.

This was the time when the BBC monopoly was broken by ITN, which began to shake old ideas by ending programmes with an off-beat or humorous story. But now, with the luxury of longer news programmes, we suffer the gloomy predictions and subjective analysis of all those experts.

TV is indeed misshaping the national psyche. But I disagree with Martyn Lewis that this is because of old values that will not die.

Sincerely,
JOHN WHITE
(Assistant editor, BBC TV News, 1967-72),
156 Marine Parade,
Brighton, East Sussex.
April 28.

Royal prerogative

From Mr Raymond Durrant

Sir, One can well understand the logic of the proposal to keep Buckingham Palace open to visitors at £8 a day, seven days a week (report, April 30), but will the same factors apply to my local DIY store?

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND DURRANT,
195 Marshalswick Lane,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
April 30.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 30: The President of the Portuguese Republic and Senhora Soares, with the Portuguese Suite in attendance, left Buckingham Palace this morning upon the conclusion of the State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

His Excellency Señor Herrán Errázuriz was received in audience by The Queen and presented Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Chile to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Señor Lionel del Solar (Minister Counsellor), Rear Admiral Eduardo Berardi (Naval Attaché), Brigadier Jorge Arangua (Military Attaché), Colonel Patricio Rios (Air Attaché), Señora Carmen Lynam (Minister Counsellor), Señor José Luis Balmaceda (Counsellor), Señor Fernando Hafeman (Counsellor, Economic Affairs) and Señora Florencia Varas (Press and Cultural Attaché).

Señora Errázuriz was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Queen held a Council at 11.45am.

There were present: the Lord Mackay of Clashfern (Lord Chancellor), the Rt Hon Antony Newton, MP (Lord President), the Rt Hon Archibald Hamilton, MP (Minister of State, Ministry of Defence) and the Rt Hon Alastair Goodlad, MP (Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office). Mr Nigel Nicholls was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Rt Hon Antony Newton, MP had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

Air Marshal Sir Andrew Wilson was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Commander-in-Chief Royal Air Force Germany and upon assuming his appointment as Air Aide de Camp to Her Majesty.

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (the Rt Hon Sir Patrick Mayhew, MP) was received by The Queen.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Visitor, Royal College of Art, this morning attended the exhibition "Portugal in the Opening of the World" at the Henry Moore Gallery, Royal College of Art, London SW7.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 30: The Princess Royal, Visitor, this morning visited St Mary's Cathedral Workshop, 28 Manor Place, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, opened the new offices of Ernst and Young, George Street, Edinburgh.

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 30: The Duke and Duchess of Kent this evening attended the Thames Valley Police 25th anniversary dinner at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Thame, Oxfordshire.

Mrs Fiona Henderson and Commander Roger Walker, RN, were in attendance.

Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones celebrates her 29th birthday today.

Service dinners

Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785
Captain E.M.S. O'Kelly presided at a dinner held last night in the Wardroom of HMS *Dryad* to mark the life of Admiral Lord Vernon. General Sir John Wilsey was the principal guest.

The Parachute Regiment
Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Gray, Colonel Commandant, The Parachute Regiment, presided at the annual officers' dinner held last night at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

RAF Strike Command
Sir John Thomson, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, RAF Strike Command, his Air Officers Commanding and principal staff officers were host last night at a dinner held at RAF High Wycombe to mark the 25th anniversary of the formation of RAF Strike Command.

East Midlands Universities Air Squadron
Lord Merlyn-Rees was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the East Midlands Universities Air Squadron held last night at RAF Newton. Squadron Leader R.D. Gregory, Commanding Officer, presided. Air Vice-Marshal D. Cousins, Air Officer Commanding and Commandant RAF College Cranwell, attended.

Dinners

Blacksmiths' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Blacksmiths' Company held last night at Plaisterers' Hall. Mr Colin Bates, Prime Warden, presided and Mr Robert Evans was the guest speaker. Among others present were:

The High Commissioner for New Zealand, Lord Weatherill, Professor D Dowson, Major-General M S Heath and the Master Cutler in Hallamshire.

Himalayan Club
Dr Charles Warren and Mr Alan Hinkes were the guests of honour and speakers at the annual reunion dinner of the Himalayan Club held last night at the Oriental Club. Mr Robert Pettigrew presided.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Arthur Parsons, Rector, Ludgvan: to be *also* Priest-in-Charge of Perranuthnoe (Truro).
The Rev Dudley J Radcliffe, Priest-in-Charge, Dowlishwake w Kingstone, Chillington & Cudworth (Bath & Wells): to be Team Rector, Swanage & Studland Team Ministry (Salisbury).
The Rev Valerie Rushton, Curate, St Nicholas Nuneaton: to be Parish Deacon, St Paul's Stockinford (Coventry).

University news

Liverpool
The university has made the following professorial appointments:
Ronald Blackburn, Director of Research, Ashworth Hospital, to the newly established Chair of Clinical and Forensic Psychological Studies.
David W. Chadwick, Consultant Neurologist, Walton Hospital, Liverpool, to the Chair of Neurology.
Marianne Elliott, Reader in the Department of History, Birkbeck College, University of London, to the Andrew Geddes and John Rankin Chair of Modern History.
Andrew S. Jones, Senior Lecturer (Clinical) in the Department of Otorhinolaryngolgy at the University of Liverpool, to the Chair of Otorhinolaryngology.
James P. Neilson, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Edinburgh University, to the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
The university has conferred the status and title of professor on the following:
John A. Gledson, Reader jointly in the Department of Hispanic Studies and the Institute of Latin-American Studies.
Peter Strike, Reader in the Department of Genetics and Microbiology.
Juan S. Watterson, Reader in the Department of Earth Sciences.
Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following this year:
Professor Brooke Benjamin, professor of philosophy, Doctor of Science; A.S. Byatt, writer, Doctor of Letters; Henry Cotton, Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside, Doctor of Laws; Sir Bernard Crossland, professor of engineering, Doctor of Engineering; Juge Antoine Garapon, Maître de conférence à l'Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature and Secrétaire Général de l'Institut des Hautes Etudes sur la Justice, Doctor of Laws; Tony McGann, chairman of the Eldonian Community Association, Master of Arts; Judge Frank Paterson, circuit judge, Doctor of Laws; Professor Bert Sakmann, Director of the Max-Planck-Institut for Medical Research, Doctor of Science; Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Doctor of Laws.

Queen's, Belfast
Appointments
To a Chair in Inorganic Chemistry: Dr Kenneth Richard Seddon.
To a senior lectureship in Cardiovascular Epidemiology: Dr John William Gordon Yarnell.
Lectureships
In Aircraft Structures, Dr Jun Shi; in European Rural Policy, Dr Andrew Dawson; in Digital Telecommunications, Dr Alan James Marshall; in Computer Science, Dr Haihong Dai; in Adult Education/Communication Studies, Robert David Alexander Mark.

Weekend birthdays


Joanna Lumley, the actress, is 47 today

TODAY: Sir Andrew Armstrong, colonial administrator, 86; Mr Naim Attallah, publisher, 62; Earl Bathurst, 66; Sir Richard Brooke, chartered accountant, 78; Mr Steve Cauthen, jockey, 33; Mr Ian Curteis, playwright, 58; Professor Sir Ralf Dahrendorf, warden, St Antony's College, Oxford, 64; Sir Henry de Waal, QC, 62; Mr D.R. du Croz, headmaster, Ellesmere College, Shropshire, 46; Dr M. Goldstein, vice-chancellor, Coventry University, 54; Sir Irvine Goulding, former High Court judge, 83; Mr Joseph Heller, author, 70; Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Hill, 56; Lady Susan Hussey, Lady-in-Waiting to The Queen, 54; Mr K. Kennedy, former chairman, Philips UK, 56; Professor Phillip King, sculptor, 59; Sir Bruce MacPhail, managing director, P & O, 54; Mr Julian Mitchell, writer, 58; Dame Felicity Peake, first director, WRAF, 80; Sir Bob Reid, chairman, British Railways Board, 59; Sir Lindsay Ring, former Lord Mayor of London, 79; Earl Sondes, 53; Sir Greville Spratt, former Lord Mayor of London, 66; Miss Una Stubbs, actress, 56; Lord Taylor of Gosforth, 63; Miss Maysie Webb, former deputy director, British Museum, 70; Sir John Wheeler, MP, 53; Admiral Sir John Woodward, 61.

TOMORROW: Dr Robert Anderson, director, British Museum, 49; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, 75; Professor N.K. Buxton, vice-chancellor, University of Hertfordshire, 53; the Right Rev Bruce Cameron, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, 53; Sir Hugh Cortazzi, diplomat, 69; Dr I.P. Evans, headmaster, Bedford School, 45; Rear-Admiral Sir John Fleming, 89; Mr Alastair Forbes, writer, 75; Mr Jon Foulds, chairman, Halifax Building Society, 61; Sir Campbell Fraser, former chairman, Scottish Television, 70; Sir James Hamilton, aviation expert, 70; Dr Patrick Hillery, former President of the Republic of Ireland, 70; Professor Sir Robert Honeycombe, metallurgist, 72; Mr Clive Jenkins, trades unionist, 67; Professor Michael Kaser, director, Institute of Russian, Soviet and East European Studies, Oxford, 67; Miss Elaine McDonald, ballerina, 50; Mr John Neville, actor, 68; Air Marshal Sir Ian Pedder, 67; Lord Silsoe, QC, 63; Sir Ronald Sinclair, former president, Appeal Court of The Bahamas and Bermuda, 90; Dame Nancy Snagge, former director, WRAF, 87; Dr Benjamin Spock, child care expert, 90; Mr David Suchet, actor, 47; Sir Fred Warner, diplomat, 75; Mr Jimmy White, snooker player, 31; Lord Woolf, 60.

Appointments in the Forces

The Army
BRIGADIERS: R O'Donoghue - to Shape Staff (BAE), 26.4.93; M R Raworth - to be Comd Arty 3 (UK) Div HQ & Sig Regt, 26.4.93
COLONELS: J L Seddon-Brown - to be DA Malaysia, 26.4.93; H Grenville-Jones - To MOD 26.4.93; R K Williams - to RSA 26.4.93
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: W A Bailey RE - to be CO 73 Engr Regt, 26.4.93; P Firth RLC - to be CO 150 Tpt Regt, 27.4.93; G M J Grieve RLC - to MOD, 26.4.93; D M Homewood RLC - to be CO TDU, 26.4.93; J R Howard-Williams RLC - to UK Mov and Ltis Staff (LC), 26.4.93; S F Owen RLC - to HQ BAOR/HQ BRSC, 1.5.93
Retirements
BRIGADIERS: S G McK Gordon Late R Signals, 27.4.93; M F John Late RAOC 1.5.93
COLONEL: P R Rostron Late Glosters 1.5.93

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: P M Stean - to Air Cadets 23.4.93; R Bogg - to HQ Landcent 26.4.93; P Millar - to HQ Aircent 26.4.93
GROUP CAPTAIN: M J Bruce - to Jaric Brampton 23.4.93; G G Cullington - to RAF Neatishead 23.4.93; J M Drysdale - to MOD (AFD) 23.4.93; J A F Ford - to MOD 23.4.93; M J Good - to HQ 11 Gp 26.4.93
WING COMMANDER: A W Medford - to Man Strategy Dev U 26.4.93; D W Sutcliffe - to RAF Boscombe Down 26.4.93; N J Furniss - to MOD/D Air Off 19.4.93; A F Dawson - to MOD/D Air Def 19.4.93; M R Bezzel - to MOD ACDS (CIS) 19.4.93; K L Wilderspin - to WPNS Stnds Brampton; C R S Wood - to UK NMR Shape 26.4.93

Newton Prep

Mr Richard Dell, MA (Oxon), currently Head of Penrhos College Junior School, North Wales, has been appointed Headmaster of Newton Prep, Battersea, London, with effect from January 1994.

Retirements

Judge Arthur has retired from the Circuit Bench on the Northern Circuit. Judge Beezley has retired from the Circuit Bench on the South Eastern Circuit.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.H.N. Barlow and Miss H.K. Griffiths
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of the late Mr John Barlow and of Mrs Rhona Barlow, of Cardiff, South Glamorgan, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Lionel Griffiths, of Farnborough, Hampshire.

Mr R.A. Dodman and Miss T.E.A. Lear
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs K.A. Dodman, of Selsey, and Tamsin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Lear, of Woodbury, Devon.

Dr Ö.M. Doğan and Miss F.M. Anderson
The engagement is announced between Özgen, younger son of Mr and Mrs Turan Doğan, of Istanbul, Turkey, and Fiona, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Milne Anderson, of Walsall, and Kinlochleven, Scotland. The marriage will take place in Scotland in August.

Mr P.D. Goldsbrough and Ms J.M. Shaw
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Peter, son of the late Mr Richard Goldsbrough and of Mrs Betty Goldsbrough, of Stafford, Staffordshire, and Joanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Shaw, of Kensington, London.

Mr A. Greaney and Miss A.J. Katz
The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mr and Mrs E.F. Greaney, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr B. Katz and Mrs J. Lake.

Mr J. Maude and Miss C. Fenn
The engagement is announced between Jason, only son of Mrs Joy Vivian, of Steeple Aston, Oxon, and Mr Richard Maude, of Bosham, West Sussex, and Charlotte, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Fenn, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr S.M.N. Ponsonby and Miss S.E. Walker
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Commander and Mrs Francis Ponsonby, of Steep, Hampshire, and Suzanne, only daughter of Captain and Mrs Rodney Walker, of Witchampton, Dorset.

Mr I.R. Smith and Miss R.L. Ingerson
The engagement is announced between Ian Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Smith, of Ewell, Epsom, Surrey, and Robyn Louise, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Ingerson, of Leabrook, Adelaide, South Australia.

Mr D.B.N. Mosberg and Miss S.L. Boles
The engagement is announced between David Bernard Nicholas Mosberg, of Southampton, Hampshire, only son of the late Mr and Mrs H.H.B. Mosberg, of Caversham, Reading, Berkshire, and Sally Louise, younger daughter of Mr Keith Marwood Boles, DFC, JP, and Mrs Boles, of Mellons Bay Road, Howick, Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr J.H.B. Somerville and Miss A.J. Carss
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Hunter Bruce, elder son of Iain and Shirley Somerville, of Rannoch Lodge, Perthshire, and Twickenham, Middlesex, and Amanda Jayne, only daughter of Gordon and Doreen Carss, of Burgess Hill, Sussex.

Mr N.A.C. Vigors and Miss J.C. Pledger
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Terence Vigors, of Lambourn, Berkshire, and Clare, daughter of the late Mr Robin Pledger and of Mrs Robin Pledger, of Cleasby, North Yorkshire.

Mr W.H.C. Ward and Miss L.C. Harper
The engagement is announced between Harvey, elder son of Mr and Mrs Humphry Ward, of Eagle House, Sulgrave, Banbury, and Louise, third daughter of Dr and Mrs John Harper, of The White House, Guilsborough, Northamptonshire.

Mr V.J. Warner and Miss M-L.O. North
The engagement is announced between Vincent James, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Cedric Martin Warner, of Peckham Bush, Kent, and Marie-Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jon Otway North, of Sydney, Australia.

Marriages

Domnul O.D. Geana and Miss S.I. Hart
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 24, at the Orthodox Church, Carbunesti, Romania, of Domnul Octavian Geana, elder son of Domnul and Doamna Octavian Geana, of Carbunesti, Romania, and Miss Susanna Hart, eldest daughter of Canon and Mrs Geoffrey Hart, of Cheltenham.

Mr D.F.B. Wrench and Mrs A.J. Fear
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 17, in Taunton, between Mr David Wrench and Mrs Audrey Fear, née Ellis, both of Durston, Somerset.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: Rudolf I, Holy Roman Emperor, founder of the Hapsburg dynasty, Schloss Limburg, Germany, 1218; William Lilly, astrologer, Diseworth, Leicestershire, 1602; Sebastian Le Prestre de Vauban, Marshal of France, military engineer, St Leger-Vauban, 1633; John Woodward, geologist and physician, Derbyshire, 1665; Joseph Addison, essayist, Milston, Wiltshire, 1672; Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington, field marshal, prime minister 1828-30, Dublin, 1769; James C. Mangan, poet, Dublin, 1803; Hilaire, Comte de Chardonnet, pioneer of rayon manufacture, Besançon, France, 1839.
DEATHS: Dermot MacMurrough, King of Leinster 1126-71, Ireland, 1171; John Dryden, poet laureate 1668-88, London, 1700; David Livingstone, explorer, Chitambo, Zambia, 1873; Antonin Dvorák, composer, Prague, 1904; José Enrique Rodó, philosopher, Palermo, 1917; Sir Ebenezer Howard, pioneer of garden cities, Welwyn Garden City, 1928; Josef Goebbels, Nazi propaganda minister, committed suicide, Berlin, 1945; William Fox, film producer, New York, 1952.
The Union of England and Scotland was proclaimed, 1707.
"Penny Black" stamps were first issued, 1840.
The Great Exhibition in Hyde Park opened, 1851.
German troops surrendered in Italy, 1945.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: William Camden, antiquary and historian, London, 1551; Alessandro Scarlatti, composer, Palermo, 1660; Catherine II, the Great, Empress of Russia 1762-96, Sczezcin, Poland, 1729; Robert Hall, Baptist minister, Arnsby, Leicestershire, 1764; John Galt, novelist, Irvine, Strathclyde, 1779; Jerome K. Jerome, novelist and dramatist, Walsall, 1859; Theodor Herzl, Zionist, Budapest, 1860; Manfred von Richthofen (the Red Baron), German air ace, Schweidnitz, 1882; Henry Hall, band leader, London, 1898; Bing Crosby, singer, Washington, 1904; Faisal II, King of Iraq 1939-58, Baghdad, 1935.
DEATHS: Leonardo da Vinci, painter, sculptor, architect and engineer, Clos-Luce, France, 1519; George Wither, poet, London, 1667; William Beckford, writer and eccentric, Bath, 1844; Alfred de Musset, poet, Paris, 1857; Giacomo Meyerbeer, composer, Paris, 1864; Lady Astor, first woman to take her seat as an MP, Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire, 1964; J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI 1924-72, Washington, 1972.
The British Navy mutinied at the Nore, 1797.
Berlin surrendered to Russian troops, 1945.

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Duke of York, as patron, will attend the Spring dinner at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Meols Drive, Hoylake, at 8.00.

Appointments

Oliver Miles to be ambassador to Greece in succession to Sir David Miers. Sir David is to be ambassador to The Netherlands in succession to Sir Michael Jenkins who is retiring from the diplomatic service.
Miss Mary Howarth Arden, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Chancery Division.
Mrs Athene Lydia Heynes to be a full-time chairman of the social security appeal tribunals, medical appeal tribunals, disability appeal tribunals and child support appeal tribunals.
Commonwealth Secretariat: Humphrey Maud, ambassador to Argentina, to be Deputy Secretary-General (Economic and Social Affairs); Nick Hare, Canadian High Commissioner in Nigeria, to be Deputy Secretary-General (Development Co-operation).

Church services tomorrow

Third Sunday after Easter
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch; 9.30 M; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart), Love bade me welcome (Tavener), Ven T J Raphael, The Archdeacon of Middlesex; 3.15 E, Responses (Smith), First Service (Ward), Surgens Jesus (Philips); 5.30 Pilgrimage Euch (Jesus Chapel); 6.30 Sandwich Deanery Confirmation, The Bishop of Dover.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Sung Euch, Meditation (Hurford), O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Ubi caritas (Duruflé), Canon David Jenkins; 3 E, Responses (Morley), Short Service (Gibbons), Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Fugue in E flat (Bach); 6.30 NP, Mr Leslie Boumphrey.
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, The Vice Provost; 11.15 Sung Euch, The Holy Euch (Harris), Collegium Regale (Howells), Agnus Dei, Canon Barry Thompson; 3 Trefoil Guild Service, The Bishop of Chelmsford; 6 Choral E, Responses (Tomkins), Canticles (Noble in B minor), Os justi (Bruckner), The Provost.
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany (St Erasmus Chapel); 8 HC; 10 Family Euch, Gloria, Sanctus and Benedictus (Rutter), Agnus Dei (Stanford in F), Ave verum corpus (Elgar); 11.30 Choral M, Responses (Smith), Te Deum & Jubilate (Stanford in B flat), Thou art the way (Steel), Canon Michael Rees; 3.30 E; 6.30 ES, Canon Michael Rees.
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 M, Stanford in B flat, Surgens Jesus (Philips), Canon Coppin; 11.30 HC, Stanford in B flat, O salutaris hostia (Elgar), The Dean; 3.30 E, Stanford in B flat, When Mary through the garden went (Stanford), Organ: Sonata in C sharp minor (Harwood).
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa Eliensis (Wills), Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Organ: Resurrection (Wills), The Dean; 3.45 E, Preces (Trepte), Wesley in E, Thou O Lord art our Father (Sullivan), Organ: Sonata No.4 in B flat (Mendelssohn), Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster.
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch, Messe solennelle (Langlais), Tantum ergo sacramentum (Duruflé), The Subdean; 11.15 M, Responses (Reading), Stanford in B flat, Pray that Jerusalem may have (Stanford), Canon Derek Brown; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E, Sumsion in G, My beloved spake (Hadley), Evocation (Langlais).
LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Jubilate from Short Service (Weelkes), Ave Verum (Mozart), Rt Rev Ronald Bowlby, Assistant Bishop; 3.30 E, Responses (Tomkins), Fifth Service (Tomkins), Ave Maria (Parsons).
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8 Holy Euch, The Dean; 9 Parish Euch, The Dean; 11.00 Sung Euch, Schubert in G, Creed (Shaw), Sing joyfully unto God (Byrd), Canon in Residence; 12.15 Holy Euch (Lady Chapel); 3.30 Choral E, Canticles (Dyson in D), The strife is o'er (Shephard); 6.30 Parish E & Sermon, The Dean.
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Canon John Atherton; 6.30 E, Nicholson in D flat, Let all the world (Vaughan Williams), The Dean.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Five-Part Mass (Byrd), O be joyful in the Lord (Britten), O sacrum convivium (Messiaen), Canon Roy White; 3 E, Fifth service (Tomkins), My beloved spake (Hadley), Canon David Garlick.
TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Treasurer; 10 Sung Euch, Father Eternal (Shepherd), Truro Euch (David Briggs), And didst thou travel light (Shepherd), Organ: Grand Choeur Dialogue (Gigout), The Treasurer; 6 E, Responses (Shepherd), Baines in F minor, O for a thousand tongues (Shepherd), Organ: Te Deum (Langlais), The Librarian.
WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch, Schubert in B flat, Rev P de N Lucas; 11.30 M, Ireland in F, Thy word is a lantern (Purcell); 3 E, Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense (Leighton), Lord, thou hast been our refuge (Bairstow), Rev D C Goodman; 5 Wessex Walks Service.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 10 M, Boyce in C, Since by man came death (Handel), Rev Dr Donald Gray; 11 Sung Euch (St Margaret's), Rev Philip Chester; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Missa brevis (Berkeley), This joyful Eastertide (arr. Wood), Rev Paul Ferguson; 3 E, Stanford in A, Ecce vicit Leo (Philips), Dr Pauline Webb (broadcaster and writer); 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 ES, Rev Jeremy Caddick.
YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Mass for 4 voices (Byrd), Rev Leon Carberry; 11.30 M, Responses (Leighton), Stanford in C; 4 E, Watson in E, Lord thou hast been our refuge (Vaughan Williams), Rev Jean Mayland.
ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral Euch, Darke in A minor, Sacerdotes Domini, Organ: Incantation pour un jour saint (Langlais), The Dean; 3.30 Choral E, Watson in E, Responses (Byrd), He is the way (Kelly), Concertstücke (Peeters).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6pm LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children's service), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Fr Anthony Richins.
ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 MS, The Minister; 10 MS, The Minister; 11.30 MS, Rev Dr J Philip Newell; 6 St Giles' at Six; 8 ES.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: Services sung by the Wren Singers of London. 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Sumsion), Te Deum, Collegium Regale (Howells), Canon Michael Saward; 11.30 HC, Missa Maria Magdalene (Lobo), Ego sum panis vivus (Esquivel); 3.15 E, First Evening Service (Ward), Rejoice in the Lord (Purcell), Organ: Rhapsody No.3 in C sharp minor (Howells), Rev Dr John Polkinghorne, President of Queen's College.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Darke in E, Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Canon McAusland; 6.30 Choral E, The Brechin Service (Joubert), I will lay me down in peace (Mann), Canon MacKay.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Jugendmesse (Haydn), Surgens Jesu (Philips), The Vicar; 6 E & B, Sumsion in A, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Rev P McGeary.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev Stephen Wookey; 6.30 Rev C Hobbs.
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa lauda Sion (Palestrina), Adormanus te (Merulo), Beati quorum via (Stanford).
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's service; 11 Parish Communion, Rev P Elvy, Addington Service; 6 E, Organ: Verse in A minor (Gibbons), Rev Dr Kenneth Wolfe.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 O Thou, The Central Orb (Wood), Rev Stanley Hood; 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood.
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Ave Maria (Elgar), Messe Breve (Gounod), Mater Mariae gratiae (Fauré), Tantum ergo (Duruflé).
HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Mr Jeremy Jennings; 11 Informal Service (Creche and Children's church), Rev Sandy Millar; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Sandy Millar.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Brevis (Britten), Regina Caeli (Howells), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Christus Resurgens (Lassus).
ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Road, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy, Byzantine chant and choral music in Greek.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Paul Hulme.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr José Fuliga; 7 Choral Mass, Missa Brevis on Christ lag in Todesbanden (Zachow), Sanctus in D minor, Rev Ronald T Englund.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, The Rector; 6.30 Choral E, The Rector.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Responses (Byrd), Jubilate (Ireland in F), Hereford Service (Berkeley), Tantum ergo (de Séverac), Organ: Symphonie 2, 1st movement (Vierne), Canon John Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Response (Byrd), Canticles (Tomkins fifth service), Blessed be the God and Father, Canon John Oates.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Williams), Sing joyfully (Byrd), The Rector.
ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 Sung Euch, Rev John Paul.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch, Schubert in G, Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford), Toccata (Dubois), Rev Tom Devonshire Jones.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré), Ubi Caritas (Duruflé), Organ: Sortie in B flat (Lefébure-Wély); 11.30 Visitors Service (Hurstpierpoint College Choir), Christ the Lord is risen (Rutter), Responses (Rose), Jubilate, Blessed City (Bairstow), Organ: Praeludium in G (Bach), Paul Boateng, MP; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Rev John Pridmore; 12.30 HC; 2.45 Chinese Service; 5 Choral E, Responses (Tomkins), Jackson in G, Save us, O Lord (Bairstow), Organ: Toccata in C (Pachelbel); 6.30 ES, Organ: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (Bach), The Vicar.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 & 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Gabrieli), Father Bill Scott, 6 Solemn E and B.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Ecce vicit Leo (Philips), Rev Christine Owen; 6.30 Ministry of Healing, Rev John Slater.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch, Mass à 4 (Tallis), Christe Jesu, pastor bone (Taverner).
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Diaphonic Mass (Hodson), My beloved spake (Tomkins), Antiphon (Vaughan Williams), Rev Christopher Courtauld.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Rev Fr Ashley Buck.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Exsultate Deo (Scarlatti), Regina Caeli (Suriano), Fr Christopher Colven; 6 EP & Benediction.
CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Canon R H C Lewis.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Ireland in C, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow); 3.30 E, Expectans expectavi (Wood), Wesley in E, Praise in God in the highest (Campbell).
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis in D minor (Mozart), Sing Joyfully (Mundy), Erscheinen ist der Herrliche Tag (Buxtehude).
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 Sung Euch, Ireland in C, Rt Rev Anthony Hunter.
ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon, 3 Choral E (Chapel of St John the Evangelist White Tower).
THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Responses (Rose), Rise heart (Vaughan Williams), Rev Prof David Martin.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral HC, Genitori, genitoque (Victoria), Mass: Schubert in G, Ave verum (Elgar), Organ: March from 2nd suite in F (Holst), The Chaplain (Band of The Welsh Guards).
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 Sung Euch, O Lord My God (Arcadelt), Ave Verum (Elgar), The Chaplain.

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BIRTHS

BECKETT - On April 28th, to Carey and Teddy, a son.
BORE - See Crowe.
COHEN - On 30th April, to Caroline and Robert, a daughter, Rosie Lea Anna, a sister for Alexander.
CROWE - On April 21st, at Guy's Hospital, to Jacqueline (née Bore) and Charles, a son, Charles Pascal Francis.
CULL - On April 27th, to Deirdre (née Luckhurst) and Peter, a son, Hugh James.
DENNE - On 25th April, to Melanie (née Arnold) and Piers, a son, Frederick Ralph Edmund, a brother for Harry.
EFTHYMIOU - On 19th April, to Theodore and Calliope (née Palios), a beautiful daughter, Marilena. Grateful thanks to all the staff at St Thomas' Hospital.

MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Information for Readers
The office will be open on Monday 3rd May between 9.00am and 1.00pm on 071 481 4000
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BIRTHS

ELLIOTT - On 29th April, at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, to Linda and Ken, triplets, Michael, Joseph and Thomas.
MARRIOTT - On 28th February, to Nicola (née Danin) and Jonathan, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Alice, a sister for Tom. Home at last with many thanks to Pembury Hospital SCBU.
PEERS - On April 28th, to Christina (née Spiteri) and Nicholas, a daughter, Jessica, a sister for Benjamin and Natasha.
WHELAN-SMITH - Born in water on April 14th, to Grenville and Catherine, a beautiful daughter, Anastasia Naiad.

ANNIVERSARIES

WASILEWSKI - Samantha. Congratulations on our 1st wedding anniversary. May this be the first of many happy years together. Love John xxx

DEATHS

DAVID - Richard William. The funeral will be held in the West Chapel of the Crematorium, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, on Friday 7th May at 11 am. Family flowers only.
DEAR - On April 28th 1993, peacefully after a short illness, Denis William Marsfield, beloved husband of Peggy, dearly loved father of Geoffrey and Anne and grandfather of Nicola, Jonathan and Kimberley. Cremation service at Randalls Park. Family flowers only. Donations to Cobham Cottage Hospital Appeal, Cobham, Surrey.

DEATHS

DOBSON - Donald Lieutenant Commander R.N. (retired) MBE, suddenly in hospital on April 28th, sadly missed by wife Joan, family and friends. Funeral, Swansea Crematorium at 2 pm Wednesday 5th May. Burial at sea at a later date. No flowers by request. Donations in lieu if desired to Horton and Port-Eynon in shore life boat. Donations and enquiries to Colin Davies Funeral Director, Slembridge Mill, Reynoldston, nr Swansea, (0792) 391142.
ELVINS - On April 28th, peacefully in her sleep, Eileen Margaret, Daughter of Colonel Alexander Turnham and widow of The Reverend S.W.G. Elvins. Funeral Requiem at Chapel of St George's Retreat, Ditchling Common, Sussex, on Wednesday May 5th at 10am, followed by committal at Arundel. R.I.P.
HARVEY - On 28th April 1993, suddenly, Lawrence, much loved husband of Valerie and the late Eileen and father of Elizabeth, William, Alice and Sarah and grandfather of James, Hazel, Theresa, David, Timmy and Rosaleigh. Funeral at 2 pm on Wednesday 5th May. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for St Saviour's Priory, East London and enquiries to Sherlock & Sons, Dorking, Surrey, tel: (0306) 882266.

DEATHS

HOCOMBE - On April 29th, peacefully at home, Elizabeth, much loved mother of Simon, mother-in-law of Jill and grandmother of Tim and Sarah. Cremation at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Tuesday May 4th at 10.40 am. Flowers or, if desired, donations for St Barnabas Hospice may be sent c/o F.A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, tel: (0903) 713939.
KETLEY - On 30th April peacefully at Sunbury Nursing Homes, Nora, beloved mother of Jeremy and grandmother of Sara and Jonathan Geoffrey. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday 6th May. Flowers to Lodge Funeral Directors, Ashford, Middlesex.
MEINHARDT - On 27th April 1993, in Bioggio - Lugano (Switzerland), dr. Peter Meinhardt died peacefully aged 90.
MESSINA - On 30th April 1993, peacefully at home, Cedric Eugene. Devoted husband of Ruth and loving father of Oriane. Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Wednesday 5th May at 11.30am. Donations to British Heart Foundation c/o Patrick Ryan and Son, 6 South Ealing Road, London W5. (081) 567-1664. Memorial Service to be arranged later.

DEATHS

MUDREWICZ - Bozena Krystyna (née Betowska) on 20th April 1993, suddenly in London aged 65. Much loved and respected: will be greatly missed by husband Julian, daughters Clara and Ania, sister Zyta and family, relatives in Poland and her many friends. Funeral Mass at Polish Chapel, Walm Lane, NW2, on Wednesday 5th May 1993 at 12 noon, followed by burial at Hampstead Cemetery, Fortune Green Road, NW6.
NUNN - Beatrice, on April 30th, aged 90 years, peacefully in her own room at Bridge House, Elstead. Memorial Service to be announced. No flowers.
SACKVILLE HAMILTON - On Sunday morning, April 25th, Margaret, widow of Col. S.W. Sackville Hamilton, Survey of India, and much loved mother of James and Anne, died peacefully at St Audrey's Nursing Home in Wimborne, Dorset, aged 93.
TREE - On Friday 30th April 1993, peacefully, Penelope (Nep), beloved wife of Arthur, much loved mother of James and Ian and loving grandmother. Cremation on Thursday 6th May at 2 pm, Chichester Crematorium. Flowers to F.A. Holland and Son, 3 Jubilee Road, Chichester, (0243) 782965.
TURNBULL - On April 23rd 1993, peacefully at home, William, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Family funeral has taken place. Donations if desired to St John's Ambulance, County Headquarters, Kidlington, Oxford. OX5 2DN.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOX - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Major Denis Barraclough Fox M.B.E. will be held at St Mary's Church, Harkstead, Suffolk, on May 22nd at 2.30 pm, followed by interment of the ashes. All his friends will be welcome at the service.
MORRIS - Geoffrey Christopher, B.A., M.A., Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. There will be a Memorial Service in the College Chapel at 2.30 pm on Saturday 15th May 1993.
WICKHAM - A Memorial Service for the Reverend R.G. Wickham (Bob) will be held at St Mary's Church, Twyford, at 3 pm on Sunday 16th May.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DCO) will hold its annual regimental remembrance service in the Regimental Chapel, St Paul's Cathedral, at 2.30 pm on Saturday 8th May 1993, to remember all Die Hards who have died for their country.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified: after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

TRUSTEE ACTS

Blake, Fred Vernon of 18 Glenthorne Gardens, Ilford, Essex IG6 1LB died on 26th July 1992: Particulars to Alsop Wilkinson Solicitors of 6 Dowgate Hill, London, EC4R 2SS before 2nd July 1993.

EDGAR GEORGE HARRINGTON of 21 Moores Place, Hungerford, Berkshire who died on the 13th day of April 1993: Particulars to Messrs Matthew Arnold & Baldwin of 20 Station Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD1 1HT, ref: ICD, before the 9th day of July 1993.

FISHER, GEOFFREY WARREN of Whitemoor Residential Home, Amberley, Gloucestershire died on 16th March 1993: Particulars to LUTTONS Solicitors of 55 Brunswick Road, Gloucester GL1 1JS before 2nd July 1993.

GUINNESS, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE ARTHUR FRANCIS BENJAMIN, THE THIRD EARL OF IVEAGH of FARMLEIGH, CASTLEKNOCK, COUNTY DUBLIN, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND died on 18th June 1992: Particulars to IVEAGH TRUSTEES LTD of IVEAGH HOUSE, 41 HARRINGTON GARDENS, LONDON SW7 4JU (Ref. LJE/BS) before 2nd July 1993.

In the estate of Daisy Ellen Youell deceased
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act, 1925, that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of Daisy Ellen Youell late of 89 The Bowls, Vicarage Lane, Chigwell, Essex who died on the 24th day of July 1992, is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the undersigned, the Solicitors for the Executors before the 2nd day of July 1993 after which date the Executors will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice and will not as respects the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim or interest they shall not then have had notice.
DATED this 1st day of May 1993.
Messrs Nabarro Nathanson
50 Stratton Street
LONDON W1X 5FL
Solicitors for the Executors

TRUSTEE ACTS

McCARTHY, DORIS FLORENCE MAGDELENA of 25 Ryedale, East Dulwich, London SE22 died on 28th December 1992: Particulars to HEPBURNS Solicitors of Blenheim House, Blenheim Grove, Peckham, London SE15 4QX before 2nd July 1993.

RE: Edward George Brundle decd.
Pursuant to Trustee Act 1925
Notice is hereby given that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of Edward George Brundle late of 10 Holbrooke Court Tufnell Park Road N7 who died on 22nd December 1991. Any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of the deceased is required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to Galbraith Branley solicitors 736 High Road North Finchley N12 9QD solicitors and administrators on or before 16th July 1993, after which date the administrators will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto with regard only to the claim and interest of which we shall then have notice.
Dated this 29th day of April 1993.
Galbraith Branley solicitors 736 High Road, North Finchley N12 9AD solicitors for the said administrator.

SHENKER, BARRY of 118 Glenarm Road, Hackney, London E5 died on 9th October 1992: Particulars to CRAWFORDS BERWALD Solicitors of 21 Bentinck Street, London W1M 5RL before 2nd July 1993.

VOTIER GRACE EDITH DOROTHY ELIZA otherwise VOTIER, GRACE EDITH DOROTHY of Glebe House, Church Lane, Chaldon, Surrey formerly of 90 Manor Way, Mitcham CR4 1EF died on 18th February 1993: Particulars to Godfrey Davis & Baldwin Solicitors of 19A Upper Green East, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2XD before 2nd July 1993.

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JEFFREY Krause - please contact James Scott, Solicitors, 15 Long Street, Tetbury GL8 8AA re mother's estate.
PRINCESS - One month to go - the flame burns eternal. Warrior.
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OBITUARIES

DESMOND CRAWLEY

Desmond John Chetwode Crawley CMG, CVO, a former British minister to the Holy See in Rome, died on April 26 aged 75. He was born on June 2, 1917.

DESMOND Crawley had the unsought distinction of being targeted by the IRA — or by those sympathetic to its cause — at the time when he headed Britain's diplomatic mission at the Vatican.

He narrowly escaped death or serious injury when a bomb placed on the window-sill of his residence exploded as he was switching off the lights at bedtime. Unhurt by the blast and shattered glass, he was subsequently lionised by the Rome press for his "British sang-froid".

Crawley had arrived to take over his post in 1970, just in time to play host to a galaxy of leading British Catholics when Pope Paul VI canonised 40 English 16th-century martyrs — and made a speech of great ecumenical significance. British problems in Northern Ireland, with their religious overtones, were, however, to dominate his five years there. Crawley's adroit handling of the relationship won him high praise in Rome, where many regarded him as the ablest diplomat at the Vatican.

He retired from there in 1975, seven years before the post's title was upgraded from that of minister to ambassador. The anomaly, which reflected Henry VIII's quarrel with Rome, was corrected in time for the present Pope's visit here in 1982. Crawley was not himself a Roman Catholic. Indeed, it was (and still is) Foreign Office practice to appoint a Protestant to the Holy See, to avoid any problems over divided loyalties.

His credentials for the appointment, at what was clearly a sensitive time for Anglo-Vatican relations, lay with his professional experience as a diplomat — most recently as ambassador in hard-line Stalinist Bulgaria.

The son of a lieutenant-colonel in the Royal Marine artillery, Desmond Crawley was born in Crystal Palace, south London, and educated at King's School, Ely, and Queen's College, Oxford, where he read history.

Accepted for the Indian Civil Service (ICS) on graduating, he spent a fourth ICS probationary year at Oxford, learning languages (including Urdu and the regional Indian language of Telegu) and how to ride — before being sent out as a trainee administrator to what was then known as the Madras presidency in 1939.



The new British Envoy to the Holy See: Crawley being presented to Pope Paul VI in August 1970.

He wanted to join the Royal Navy in the war, but was told he could not be spared from his post in India. Instead, he served as a sub-collector (in effect an assistant commissioner), responsible for a vast stretch of territory to the North of the Madras region, until 1946.

He never forgot Easter weekend in 1942 when, based in the port of Chitacole on the Madras coast in the Bay of Bengal, he toured the beaches picking up bodies after Japanese dive-bombers had sunk 26 merchant ships at sea. The Japanese also attacked the port itself which was defended by a single Gloster Gladiator.

Foreseeing Indian independence, he then switched to the Indian political service, with its wider, more diplomatic responsibilities and was posted to the North West Frontier for 12 months.

Crawley sought a transfer to Whitehall at the time of Indian partition and was accepted for the Home Office, the Foreign Office and the Commonwealth Relations Office. He chose the last of these and, after a spell in London, found himself back in India, this time Calcutta.

In the early 1950s he was principal private secretary to three successive Commonwealth secretaries of state, Lords Ismay, Salisbury and Swinton, but was then seconded to the Foreign Office as a first secretary in Washington with responsibility for Commonwealth affairs.

He was deputy high commissioner in Lahore, Pakistan, 1958-61, where he was appointed a Commander of the Victorian Order following a visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. He then moved to Sierra Leone in 1963 as high commissioner. His final postings were his tours as ambassador in Sofia, 1966-70, and as minister to the Holy See, 1970-75.

Crawley was a tough-minded, highly professional envoy, more at home in a political crisis than a cocktail lounge. His fitness and frequently blunt approach served him well in parts of the Third World and in Bulgaria, where one had to be determined to get results. But he was also a kind, thoughtful family man.

All these qualities were evidenced in retirement when, after taking a siesta in his southwest London home, he saw two burglars raiding the house opposite. Though now approaching his middle sixties, he raced over the road and confronted the intruders as they fled.

One man escaped, but Crawley brought down the other with a flying tackle and sat on him until neighbours and the police arrived to help. An official commendation for his bravery was later presented to him at the Tower of London by the High Sheriff of Greater London. His other, more formal, decorations included that of a Knight Grand Cross to the Order of St Gregory the Great, a Vatican honour which was awarded him in 1973.

Crawley's wife, the younger daughter of a high court judge in Madras, whom he married in 1945, died four years ago and he is survived by two sons and a daughter.

BRIGADIER TOMMY HADDON

Brigadier Tommy Haddon, CBE, died on April 12 aged 80. He was born on February 19, 1913.

TOMMY Haddon commanded the 1st Battalion of his regiment, the Border Regiment, twice in his career, the first time in 1943-44 and secondly from 1955 to 1958.

In 1941 he was serving in the war cabinet offices in Whitehall. As duty officer on the night of Pearl Harbor it was his job to ring Churchill and let him know what had happended. Serving, as he did, as secretary of the Joint Intelligence Committee, there seemed little chance of his getting back into the war. But, much to his relief, he was prised out of Whitehall and posted as second-in-command of the 1st Battalion, the Border Regiment, a glider battalion in the 1st Airlanding Brigade. On the night of July 9-10, 1943, the brigade flew in to Sicily. Owing to Allied inexperience in airborne operations at that time and high winds, it was a disastrous operation. Out of 134 British gliders 47 landed in the sea, including Haddon's. He had to swim ashore.

The battalion was re-formed in North Africa, where Haddon took over command. When the Allies landed on the "heel" of the Italian mainland at Taranto in September 1943, his battalion led a special mobile force which raced up through Apulia and captured Foggia and its valuable airfield without a fight on September 27.

Later the 1st Airborne Division returned home for the second front. After many false starts, Operation Market-Garden and the landing by the 1st Airborne Division at Arnhem took place in September 1944. The tow-rope of Haddon's glider, the second, to take off, broke soon after leaving the ground, but the glider landed safely allowing Haddon and his tactical HQ to get back to Broadwell Airfield by midday, to arrange another glider.

This was shot down over Antwerp. Shaken, but determined to get to his battalion, which he had trained to a high peak of efficiency, Haddon eventually reached 30 Corps which was trying to get through to Arnhem. Here he heard that the Poles were going to attempt a crossing of the Rhine to reach the British at Oosterbeek on the night of September 23-24. His party reached the Poles at Driel on the south bank, where they found chaos reigning. They were, frustratingly, made to wait while taking cover from German mortar and machine-gun fire. The crossing was cancelled for that night.



The next morning he and his party crossed with a battalion of the Dorsets. Unfortunately, they landed downstream and behind the German lines. Perilously, Haddon tried to make his way through the lines to his battalion in daylight, but was caught by the Germans before he could make it. He spent the remaining months of the war as a PoW.

Tommy Haddon was educated at Hamilton Academy and RMC Sandhurst and commissioned into the Border Regiment in 1933. He served in India with the 2nd Battalion including a tour of duty on the Staff on the North West Frontier in 1937.

On leave in England in 1939, he joined the 1st Battalion and fought with it in the BEF in France. He was appointed adjutant in 1940, and was evacuated from Dunkirk. He attended the Staff College in 1941 and was appointed to the war cabinet offices until returning to the 1st Battalion at the end of 1942.

After the war he returned to the Chief of Staffs' Committee and attended the Potsdam conference in 1945. In 1948, he returned to regimental duty as second-in-command of the 1st Battalion, the Border Regiment in Palestine and East Africa, before serving as GSO1 (Intelligence), in Hong Kong between 1949 and 1951. A further period at the War Office was followed by command of the 1st Battalion in the British Army of the Rhine and in Berlin from 1955 to 1958.

In 1958 he was promoted brigadier and took command of the Singapore Military Forces. He was appointed CBE in 1962. Following a course at the Imperial Defence College, he was appointed Chief of Staff Hong Kong Land Forces. Here he served three commanders, being asked to stay on as, one after the other, they left on promotion. When he finally returned home in 1965, he was appointed to the Regular Commissions Board until his retirement in 1968. He was ADC to the Queen from 1962 to 1968. On retirement he was employed as a retired officer by the Army at Blackdown until 1978. He always took a great interest in the welfare of his regiment and chaired many benevolent and other committees.

He is survived by his wife, Clodagh, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon Bertrand Russell, whom he married in 1939, and three sons.



ANATOLE MINES

Anatole Mines, viola player, died on April 15 aged 77. She was born on July 21, 1915.

A DISTINGUISHED viola player who studied at the Royal College of Music, Anatole Mines made her name in the rarefied musical world of the chamber orchestra.

This, however, was at a time when the repertoire for such groups was starting to include some of the more avant-garde composers, along with the obligatory Haydn.

Ensemble playing of this kind calls for self-discipline and the ability to work as part of a team, not necessarily for a virtuoso performance every time, and Mines was well endowed with the former qualities.

Among the many groups with which she played were the Marjorie Hayward quartet, the MacGibbon quartet, the Jaques String Orchestra, the Interrupted Serenade and the Carter String Trio.

One of the Trio's most prestigious bookings was for a series of lunch-time concerts at the National Gallery, given at the start of the second world war. These provided the group with a suitable platform for new pieces by Arnold Cooke, E. J. Moeran, Gordon Jacob and Lennox Berkeley among others, all written specially for the Trio. They were occasionally joined by the oboe player, Leon Goossens.

Mines was the posthumous third child of the young scientist George Mines (who had been killed in a laboratory accident in Canada), and was brought up by her father's sister, Lily Hackforth, and her aunt's husband, the classical scholar, Professor Reginald Hackforth. Lily Hackforth was well-known in Cambridge for her subscription concerts which gave many young musicians their first chance to perform in public.

Mines continued to play professionally well into old age and took part in some of the earliest chamber music broadcasts. She was also a regular guest at the musical events organised by Lady Aberdeen at Haddo House in Aberdeenshire.

Generous and sociable by nature, she had many friends and was a welcoming hostess to them at her home in Cambridge.

JOHN MOODY

John Percivale Moody, OBE, painter, actor and theatre and opera director, died on April 15 aged 87. He was born on April 6, 1906.

JOHN Moody's career was threefold. He was initially trained as a painter and had several exhibitions in London in the 1920s. Then he changed direction to study opera at the Webber Douglas School. Helen (Nell) Burra whom he had known for some years, and whom he was to marry in 1937, was herself a German-trained singer — and opera was later to become not only his occupation but his full-time obsession. When, however, he launched into an acting career it was in the spoken drama, first under Nigel Playfair at the Lyric, Hammersmith, and then in the West End.

For two seasons — 1934 and 1937 — he played at the Old Vic. More significantly perhaps, as a member of Rupert Doone's Group Theatre which presented the avant-garde drama of its day, he performed in the Auden-Isherwood verse plays, *The Ascent of Fó* and *The Dog Beneath the Skin*, and in T. S. Eliot's *Sweeney Agonistes*.

John Moody's natural talent as a teacher was given full scope when he became head of the Old Vic Theatre School (1940-42). Serving in the Auxiliary Fire Service during the blitz he sustained injuries which left a permanent mark on his health; he phased out acting and turned to directing. When the Old Vic transferred to Liverpool he went with it as producer for a couple of years and then moved on to become the head of the Birmingham Rep from 1942 to 1944. His production there of Klabund's *Chalk Circle* was sufficiently remarkable to win him an invitation to produce for the Carl Rosa Opera in 1945. Soon afterwards he went on to become the director of the Sadler's Wells Opera Company which he ran until 1949.

Because of his wide stage experience as well as his personal qualities he was appointed the drama director of the Arts Council in the crucial period between 1949 and



1954 when the country, recovering from the after-effects of the war, was ready for new artistic directions. But he was unwilling to remain an arts bureaucrat for too long, and he accepted the direction of the Bristol Old Vic which, under Hugh Hunt and Denis Carey, had already achieved a unique place in provincial theatre. The five years of the Moody regime (1954-59), which among a host of other talents saw the beginnings of Peter O'Toole's career, are still green in the memory of older Bristol theatre-goers as a period of utter artistic integrity.

While Moody had been helping establish the new Sadler's Wells company as resident producer one of his biggest successes had been *Simon Boccanegra* in 1948. Verdi's opera was known but by name here and only decades later was Covent Garden to stage it. The Wells's production, with a cast containing several of the company's finest singers (Arnold Matters, James Johnston, Howell Glynne), had impressed Bill Smith, the buccaneering chairman of another and even younger company, the Welsh National Opera.

Smith invited Moody, then at the Arts Council, to work with the WNO. Moody immediately suggested a second and equally unfamiliar Verdi work, *Nabucco*. He had seen it on his travels and recommended it to Norman Tucker, general administrator at the Wells, who turned it down on the ground that his company's chorus was not up to the mark. But the Wells's weakness was the WNO's strength. Moody's proposal was accepted, though he did not quite achieve a premiere — *Nabucco* had been performed earlier in 1952 by the Clydach Operatic Society, conducted by a local window-cleaner.

The WNO's production was only modestly cast but it became a great success thanks to the chorus and some discreet coaching in London by that great Verdian, Edward Downes. It stayed in the repertoire for some years and was eventually to attract singers of the calibre of John Shaw and Donald McIntyre.

Seven years passed before Moody returned to the WNO. It was again with a rarity and again the opera was his own suggestion: Rimsky-Korsakov's *May Night*, conducted by Warwick Braithwaite. Bill Smith recognised Moody's strengths: experience, sufficient imagination to recommend little-known operas, which were right for the WNO, and an unobtrusive directorial hand which allowed singers to give of their best. Moody might have been dubbed a Verdi champion but he was an all-rounder backed by his wife Nell who collaborated with him in turning libretti into singable English. In 1960 he was appointed director of productions for the WNO.

During the 1960s Moody was a powerful force behind the success of the WNO, which established itself not only as a company with a famous chorus but one which was adventurous in terms of repertoire and casting. A season at Sadler's Wells, Moody's old house, brought *Nabucco*, *Il battaglia di Legnano*, *Mefistofele* and *May Night* — all unfamiliar in London and three of them his own productions. He was active and astute in casting, giving Margaret Price an early chance as Cherubino in his *Figaro* and Elizabeth Vaughan her London debut in *Nabucco*.

After retirement from active stage work, John Moody went back to his first love, painting. He also became an examiner, and indeed consultant, to the Drama Department of the University of Bristol. His invariably courteous but incisive advice on practical matters to students of drama made him a popular figure around the campus.

He is survived by his wife, their only son having predeceased him.

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BRICKLAYERS AND WEIR HOUSES

(By Our Labour Correspondent.)

In an effort to boost the building of homes, Lord Weir offered to construct steel houses by mass-production. Even though he did not plan to use building industry labour, the building unions resisted and the factory was closed.

The hostile attitude of the building industry trade unions to the findings and recommendations of the Court of Inquiry on steel houses was indicated by leading officials of the operatives' federation immediately upon the publication of the Court's report. The Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers, through its executive committee, has now resolved "to resist to the utmost" the introduction of a system of payment of results such as Lord Weir has planned. Further than that, it will oppose action on the lines of the report that "the position of the workmen employed can ... be fully safeguarded by their own trade unions in consultation, on matters in which the interests of the building trade proper appear to be affected, with the building trade unions".

The Amalgamated Union's executive, which is largely representative of the bricklayers, has declared that it will insist on "the right of the trade unions in the building industry having jurisdiction over the rates of pay and working conditions of all working in that industry". The resolution also makes an attack on the impartiality of the Court, and says, in so many words, that if the case of the building trade operatives or that of the building trade employers had not been heard at all "the same conclusions would have been arrived at". The union re-affirms its demand that the standard building trade rate of wages shall be paid to any person employed in erecting any type of house.

The manner in which the union will resist the erection of the Weir type of house in accordance with the conditions suggested by the Court of Inquiry is not indicated. It was never Lord Weir's intention to employ building industry labour. His scheme was designed to be in every particular supplementary to the efforts of the building industry to overtake the shortage of houses, and therefore he planned a house that would make no demand on either building materials or labour. The workmen will not be members of the building trade unions, and if the building trade unions were to declare a strike, the construction of the Weir houses would not thereby be affected. But the organised employers, who have taken their stand with the operatives in opposition would be directly penalised by a strike.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bosnia breakthrough predicted

■ Lord Owen predicted a "breakthrough" to peace in the former Yugoslavia as the factions prepared to travel to this weekend's summit in Athens.

In an interview with *The Times*, the European Community mediator indicated that he expected Belgrade to persuade its Bosnian Serbs clients to sign the Vance-Owen peace plan Pages 1, 10

Matrix trial 'damaged security'

■ The disclosure of secret documents during last year's Matrix Churchill trial has caused immense damage to national security and should never have been made in court, ministers have told *The Times* Page 1

Joining the boycott

The moderate Association of Teachers and Lecturers voted to join the boycott of this term's classroom tests Page 1

Golden touch

A firm of Shropshire goldsmiths has achieved the modern equivalent of medieval alchemy by discovering a way to mass produce pure, hard, gold Page 1

Pictures released

Enhanced video pictures of two IRA men planting the Bishopsgate lorry bomb have been released by police Page 2

Royal attraction

Buckingham Palace has been flooded with bookings which promise to make it London's most sought-after tourist attraction this summer Page 3

Baby returned

The 16-month-old grandson of a Greek businessman who was snatched from his cot while his parents slept has returned home to north London Page 4

Sold at last

The over-supply of unsold homes has shrunk by a third since the end of last year, and will help to contribute to house price rises of 7 per cent in 1994, according to brokers UBS Page 5

Switching to Rome

Dr Graham Leonard, the 71-year-old former Bishop of London, has said he will join the Roman Catholic church. Page 7

Different moves

Garry Kasparov, in London to examine facilities for *The Times* World Chess Championship, has spoken of his interest in a Russian political career Page 8

Going home

Fifteen deported Palestinian nationalists have returned to the West Bank to a boisterous welcome Page 12

Wife charged

Gaye Derby-Lewis, wife of the South African politician held over Chris Hani's death, was charged with murder Page 11

Why God is all things to all men

■ Matthew Parris expressed puzzlement that people should worry about trivial differences in religious belief, while neglecting to ask: Does the God of the New Testament exist? He is right to be puzzled, yet he fails to see that "the God of the New Testament" is a deceptively simple phrase Page 7



Welcoming hand: Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, greeting General Philippe Morillon, of the UN. Reports, pages 1, 10

BUSINESS

Hard sell: A life insurance firm that targeted nurses and students and continued trying to sell them unsuitable policies even after its salesmen were ordered to stop was fined a record £160,000 by the insurance regulator Lautro Page 19

Damage limitation: A quiet weekend for Martin Gray, NatWest's UK banking chief, ended when the City bomb closed his NatWest tower headquarters and left 1,900 staff with nowhere to work. Patricia Tehan looks back at his week of crisis management Page 21

Disney shuffle: The ailing Euro Disneyland company has brought in a new chief financial officer from the Walt Disney parent company in America Page 19

Market rise: Shares crossed over the 2800 mark on a technical rally, rising 26.3 to 2813.10. In the foreign exchange markets, sterling closed at $1.5682 and at DM2.4920 Page 22

SPORT

Cricket: Graham Gooch has been appointed to lead England in only the first three Test matches against Australia after Lord's concluded that someone fresh may have to be tried before the winter tour of the West Indies Page 36

Rugby League: "The crowning moment of an appearance in today's rugby league Challenge Cup final cannot come soon enough for Jonathan Davies, although he will spend the pre-match build-up making a constant beeline to the smallest room" Page 34

Racing: Zafonic, the André Fabre-trained colt who was last season's top two-year-old, is odds-on favourite to win today's 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket Page 33

Rugby Union: David Hands previews today's Pilkington Cup final between Harlequins and Leicester at Twickenham and wonders if the London side has more talent than is good for them Page 29

WEEKEND

Going with the flow: Alan Coren supplies lusty May Morning tales from the riverbank as all his old punting skills come flooding back on the Cherwell Page 1

Out of town: The murderous Minehead hobby-horse takes to the streets once more in an ancient May Day ritual Page 3

Food and drink: Jane MacQuitty begins a new series on how to build your own wine cellar, and Frances Bissell provides a feast for a May Day picnic Page 5

Holidays: A double-page spread devoted to the joys of cruising, particularly island-hopping in the Caribbean Pages 6, 7

Marathon: Get in training now for the 1994 season with coach Mel Batty, plus your chance to join the *Times* marathon team Page 11

Bank holiday crossword: A jumbo crossword to tax your brain power over the weekend — with five £50 prizes to be won Page 13

ARTS

Ship-shape: The spectacular new *Western Morning News* building in Plymouth, designed by top British architect Nicholas Grimshaw and built with walls entirely of glass, has become an instant tourist attraction Weekend page 16

Verdi from the Met: Sony Classics continues its policy of recording Verdi operas with casts assembled by the Metropolitan Opera in New York. *Don Carlo*, is a brilliant success thanks to two superb male leads: the Russian, Vladimir Chernov and the American, Samuel Ramey Weekend page 16

Alternative Vienna: On the South Bank in London, the "Alternative Vienna" season continues to explore the quirky, self-mocking music of H.K. Gruber and Kurt Schwertsik Weekend page 16

Sea fever: Eccentric behaviour in a boarding-house is the subject of *Hove*, David Farr's play at the National Theatre Weekend page 16

TV LISTINGS

Sean Devereux, the British aid worker shot dead in Somalia, is the subject of *Everyman* (BBC2, 10.30pm tomorrow) Page 19

OPINION

Athens and beyond

Whatever comes out of the [Bosnia] summit, the responsibility now rests with America Page 15

Judging the interest

Mr Justice Smedley was not prepared to conceal evidence [in the Matrix Churchill trial] simply on the grounds that it embarrassed ministers. For that he should be praised Page 15

Fanfare of approval

The first priority for John Drummond, director of the Proms, is not to hand out big cheques to millionaire musicians, but to use licence-payers' money to provide music-lovers of limited means Page 15

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

My only regret about this week's announcement is that it was half-hearted. Opening must surely be extended beyond two months a year for five years. The Royal Collection is an almost unknown treasure trove Page 14

DANIEL JOHNSON

Chess never used to be trendy. Until, that is, the Kasparov-Short match became first a possibility, then the most exciting event in London this year Page 14

LETTERS

Plants growing out of control are becoming a threat to the Globe theatre site Page 15

THE PAPERS

US law enforcement officers are just beginning to study what went wrong at Waco. The cultists bear heavy blame for their arsenals and for taking the lives of their children. But government must learn too

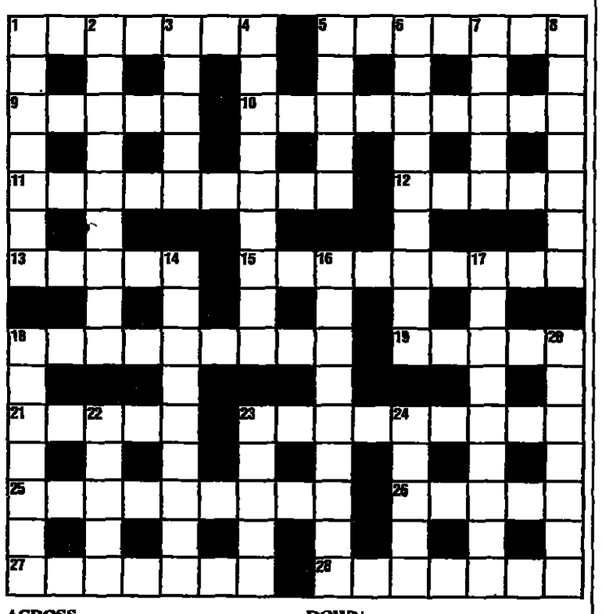
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5 Gives money to get fuel — peat, perhaps (7).
9 Incorrigible — not able to earn (5).
10 One goal-post damaged by defender (9).
11 Stunner has one side tooth initially crooked (9).
12 Patent in model vehicle may break new ground (5).
13 Stupid to be very friendly (5).
15 Malformed girl by chance having only half a heart (9).
18 Judge conceals first signs of neurotic character (9).
19 Keen to have free replacement at front of roof-top (5).
21 Hotel worker is useful (5).
23 Punishment may be over-hasty in fact (9).
25 Damaging reduction in blood (9).
26 In company, half capital is invested in silver (5).
27 Unlucky Nazi shut in a place (7).
28 Filling in legal document, non-expert got behind (7).

DOWN

1 Fighter in Burma found wounded in ditch (7).
2 Kiss, then show disdain — the hypocrite! (9).
3 Rare object is strange but not useless (5).
4 Worker and master at work (9).
5 Tobacco in tin used up (5).
6 Slaughter makes the line drop (9).
7 In the window, see Loire flowing (5).
8 Three articles bringing oblivion (7).
14 Raised flag by the way (9).
16 In the van, an asparagus tip (9).
17 Meanness is an average sort of offence in the church (9).
18 Refuse to give destructive criticism (7).
20 Promised to be busy (7).
22 Beer may be readily available (2,3).
23 Sees the sights in the Loire valley (5).
24 Take ship round the pole; it makes slow progress (5).

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WEATHER

Much of Scotland will be cloudy with showery rain in places, although sheltered western regions and Northern Ireland should be sunny with an occasional shower. The northwesterly breeze will keep the west of England and Wales cloudy with patchy rain. Northern England will have rain, too. Elsewhere there will be sunny spells and the risk of a thundery shower. Outlook: brighter in the North, but patchy rain in the South.

ABROAD

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Akrotiri	25	77	s	Madrid	15	59	s
Alex'dria	22	72	s	Majorca	18	64	f
Algiers	19	66	f	Malaga	16	61	f
Amst'dm	25	77	s	Malta	22	72	s
Athens	21	70	c	Melb'rne	23	73	s
Bahrain	28	82	s	Mexico C*	25	77	f
Bangkok	36	97	f	Miami*	25	77	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Milan	17	63	f
Barcelna	13	55	c	Montreal*	20	68	s
Beirut	23	73	s	Moscow	11	52	s
Belgrade	22	72	f	Munich	22	72	f
Berlin	25	77	s	Naples	21	70	f
Bermuda*	23	73	f	N Delhi	36	97	s
Biarritz	15	59	c	N York*	21	70	s
Borde'x	14	57	r	Nice	18	61	s
Brussels	25	77	s	Oslo	20	68	s
Budapst	21	70	f	Paris	20	68	f
B Aires*	26	79	s	Peking	15	59	c
Cairo	34	93	s	Perth	19	66	f
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Prague	22	72	f
Chicago*	14	57	r	Reykjavik	2	36	c
Ch'church	11	52	c	Rhodes	18	64	f
Cologne	25	77	s	Riyadh	33	91	s
C'hagn	19	66	s	Rome	16	61	f
Corfu	19	66	s	Salzburg	22	72	s
Dublin	17	63	s	Santiago*	23	73	s
Dubrovnik	22	72	s	S Paulo*	25	77	f
Faro	17	63	f	Seoul	16	61	c
Florence	21	70	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Frankfurt	25	77	s	Stkholm	19	66	s
Funchal	19	66	c	Strasb'rg	23	73	s
Geneva	14	57	f	Sydney	20	68	c
Gibraltar	16	61	c	Tangier	17	63	f
Helsinki	16	61	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Hong K	25	77	f	Tenerife	20	68	f
Innsbruck	22	72	f	Tokyo	13	54	r
Istanbul	15	59	f	Toronto*	13	55	c
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tunis	24	75	c
Jo'burg*	18	64	f	Valencia	21	70	f
Karachi	38	100	s	Vanc'ver*	12	54	c
L Palmas	27	81	f	Venice	20	68	s
Le Touet	17	63	s	Vienna	21	70	s
Lisbon	17	63	c	Warsaw	25	77	f
Locarno	13	55	d	Wash'ton*	21	70	s
London	17	63	s	Wel'nton	13	55	c
L Angels*	18	64	c	Zurich	21	70	s
Luxembg	23	73	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.24 pm to 5.33 am
Bristol 8.33 pm to 5.43 am
Edinburgh 8.52 pm to 5.29 am
Manchester 8.39 m to 5.34 am
Penzance 8.41 pm to 5.58 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 5.33 am — Sun sets: 8.24 pm
Moon rises 2.37 pm — Moon sets 3.01 am

Full moon May 6

London 8.26 pm to 5.31 am
Bristol 8.35 pm to 5.41 am
Edinburgh 8.54 pm to 5.27 am
Manchester 8.41 pm to 5.32 am
Penzance 8.43 pm to 5.57 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 5.31 am — Sun sets: 8.26 pm
Moon rises: 3.59 pm — Moon sets 3.24 am

Full Moon Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	13.2	-	16	61	sunny
Anglesey	13.6	-	18	64	sunny
Aviemore	11.8	-	21	70	sunny
Belfast	12.9	-	20	68	sunny
Birmingham	9.8	-	19	66	sunny
Bournemouth	10.6	-	21	70	sunny
Bristol	6.7	-	20	68	sunny
Buxton	10.0	-	17	63	sunny
Cardiff	12.0	-	18	64	sunny
Clacton	10.4	-	20	68	sunny
Cromer	6.5	-	13	55	bright
Edinburgh	10.2	-	15	59	sunny
Eskdalemuir	10.8	-	18	64	sunny
Exmouth	12.1	-	17	63	sunny
Falmouth	11.9	-	19	66	sunny
Folkestone	10.1	-	20	68	sunny
Glasgow	11.6	-	20	68	sunny
Guernsey	9.3	-	14	57	sunny
Hastings	11.7	-	21	70	sunny
Hunstanton	9.5	-	11	52	sunny
Isle of Man	11.1	-	17	63	sunny
Jersey	5.0	0.05	19	66	sunny
Kinloss	11.8	-	16	61	sunny
Leeds	10.3	-	17	63	sunny
Lerwick	13.6	-	14	57	sunny
Lisdemhampton	10.8	-	22	72	sunny
Liverpool	9.6	-	22	72	sunny
London	10.2	-	20	68	sunny
Lowestoft	9.8	-	15	59	sunny
Manchester	11.8	-	22	72	sunny
Margate	9.7	-	15	59	sunny
Minehead	8.8	-	18	64	sunny
Morecambe	11.1	-	23	73	sunny
Newcastle	8.0	-	14	57	sunny
Nottingham	10.2	-	19	66	sunny
Penzance	11.3	-	18	64	sunny
Plymouth	12.2	-	19	66	sunny
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Sandown	9.0	-	19	66	sunny
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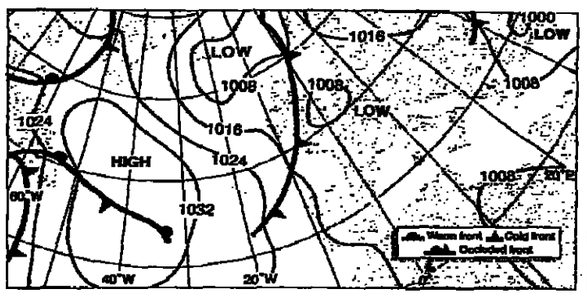
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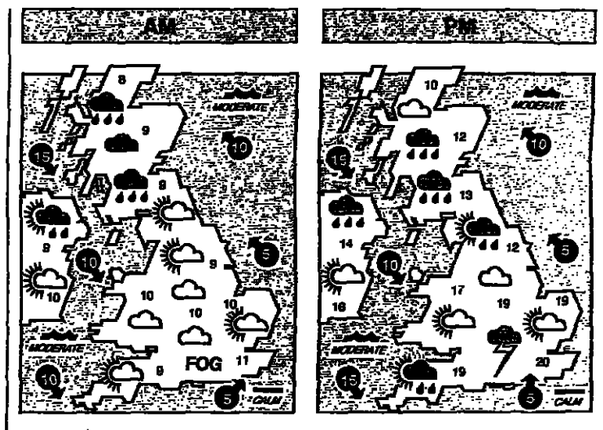
TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.315	2.115
Austria Sch	18.50	17.00
Belgium Fr	54.30	40.80
Canada $	2.11	1.95
Denmark Kr	10.15	9.35
Finland Mkk	9.17	8.37
France Fr	8.90	8.20
Germany Dm	2.63	2.43
Greece Dr	352.00	327.00
Hong Kong $	12.80	11.80
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2425.00	2280.00
Japan Yen	193.00	174.00
Netherlands Gld	2.96	2.73
Norway Kr	11.10	10.30
Portugal Esc	241.30	223.30
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.20
Spain Pta	188.00	175.00
Sweden Kr	12.03	11.23
Switzerland Fr	2.36	2.18
Turkey Lira	15600.0	14600.0
USA $	1.67	1.54

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Record fine imposed on life firm

By Sara McConnell

■ The life insurance regulator Lautro has ordered a record fine of £160,000 on a company whose salesmen targeted nurses and students and persisted despite warnings

A LIFE insurance company that targeted nurses and students and continued trying to sell them unsuitable policies even after regulators ordered it to stop was yesterday fined a record £160,000.

Interlife Assurance was fined by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation for a series of serious rule breaches over the last three years. The size of the fine reflects Lautro's particular concern that Interlife salesmen had continued to try to sell unsuitable life and pensions policies to nurses and students in nurses' homes without permission, even after they had been told to stop.

Students' and nurses' unions say life assurance salesmen regularly pester their members. The National Union of Students said: "Students are seen as easy victims by sales people." The NUS was aware of the activities of Interlife's salesmen. Security in nurses' homes and halls of residence has been tightened but there is still a "chronic lack of security", the Royal College of Nursing said.

Lautro's previous largest fine of £130,000 was imposed on Colonial Mutual this year for failure to monitor its agents.

Another life company, Reliance Mutual, was publicly reprimanded by Lautro in 1990 for allowing its agents to sell insurance policies to students, in some cases in the guise of grants. The company had been disciplined six months earlier for allowing its agents to sell to students but had failed to stop misselling. Reliance Mutual was not fined.

Interlife, based in Chadwell Heath, Essex, had breached Lautro's rules by failing to ensure that its salesmen "exercised due skill, care and diligence" particularly when visiting nurses and students in nurses' homes and halls of residence. The salesmen, Lautro said, had "visited such accommodation without permission and had failed to cooperate with those responsible for such accommodation and had on occasions continued to make visits despite their specific instructions not to do so."

The company had also failed to deal with "numerous" complaints received from investors that students and nurses were being sold long term endowment policies "where allegedly the need had not been clearly demonstrated". Salesmen had also made "alleged misrepresentations about the early surrender penalties on long term investment contracts" and allegedly criticised the benefits offered by the National Health Service pension scheme, in an attempt to persuade nurses to transfer their pensions to Interlife.

Lautro ruled that Interlife's monitoring of company representatives had been inadequate. It had failed to make sure its salesmen kept proper records and filled in factfinds and had failed to deal properly with complaints.

Sid Paine, Interlife's finance director, said the company had just started to carry out a sample review of its past business with the help of a firm of independent actuaries. He said: "If necessary we will look at all the business carried out in the last three years."

Some investors could be compensated if it was found they had taken out unsuitable policies, Mr Paine said. This may mean putting them back in the position they would have been in had they not taken out the policy. Alternatively, they could be offered another policy.

WEEKEND MONEY

PENSION FEAR

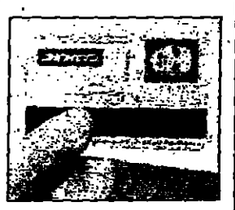


Pension benefits for millions in company schemes could worsen after a European Court ruling later this year
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Fixed-rate loans are becoming more costly and some lenders could stop offering them altogether
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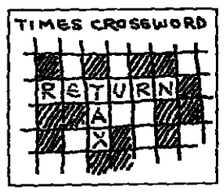
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THE POUND

US $ .....1.5683 (-0.0069)
German mark..2.4897 (+0.0056)
Exchange index ..... 81.0 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2813.1 (+26.3)
Dow Jones .3438.89 (+13.77)*
Nikkei Avg 20919.18 (+464.61)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6⅜-6⅛%
US Federal Funds..... 2¾%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.88-2.87%*
Long Bond..... 6.90%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£$ 1.5700*	£:$ 1.5690
$:DM .1.5870*	£:DM ...2.4940
$:SWfr.1.4345*	£:SWfr...2.2528
$:Ffr ...5.3515*	£:Ffr 8.3900
$:Yen 111.25*	£:Yen ...174.64
£:SDR ..1.1071	£:ECU ..1.2723

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 353.45 ..... PM 354.30
Close 354.80-355.30
New York
Comex 356.65-357.35*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... .....139.3 March (1.9%)
* Denotes midday trading price



Floor beckons: Sir Phil, centre, with directors, John Kitching, right, and Ian Horwood

Tiphook share dive under scrutiny

By Neil Bennett

THE Stock Exchange is believed to be investigating the slump in the share price of Tiphook, the container and trailer leasing group, earlier this week before the company announced a profit warning on Thursday.

Tiphook's shares slumped a total of 36p, or 11 per cent, on Monday and Tuesday, a fall that left analysts and market-makers puzzled.

The share price stabilised on Wednesday, but then plunged another 63p on Thursday, after the group announced to the Stock Exchange that its profits would be a fifth lower than the City had previously expected.

Overall, more than a third of the fall over the week occurred before the profit warning.

Tiphook yesterday denied that news of its profit warning had accidentally leaked out. "I do not see how anyone could have known about it," a spokeswoman said.

She said details of the profit warning were passed to UBS, Tiphook's broker, late on Friday last week, and that until the announcement only a handful of the company's senior management and two senior corporate finance executives at UBS knew about it.

"If the Stock Exchange wants to investigate, well and good," the spokeswoman said. She blamed the earlier price falls on unfounded stories in the market that GPA Group, aircraft leasing company, was having renewed financial difficulties, and the comments of some City analysts who had realised the group would lose £2.7 million from the sale of shares in TIP Europe, the rival trailer leasing company.

A Stock Exchange spokeswoman said that the exchange would examine any unusual movements in the share price, but would not confirm the state of any investigation into the movement of Tiphook shares.

BT share sale snub by banks

By Patricia Tehan

A GROUP of UK and overseas investment banks have refused to join in the £5.5 billion sale of shares in BT, scheduled for July, because of the way the government's advisers have structured the sale.

Banque Indosuez and a handful of other banks are furious at being excluded from the global syndicate of 11 banks which will compete against each other to sell the new BT shares to the world's top 500 institutions.

Instead the banks were among those invited by SG Warburg, which is acting as global co-ordinator to the sale of the remaining government stake, to take part in regional syndicates marketing to institutions in three areas: Japan, North America and the rest of the world including the UK.

Those involved in the regional side of the sale are banned from selling to the top 500 institutions.

Four banks are believed to have turned down the invitation, leaving 18 to take part in the regional syndicates. Neither Warburg nor Indosuez would comment.

Dealings in Zeneca 'grey market' halted

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

THE Stock Exchange has effectively banned "grey market" dealings in Zeneca and ICI shares ahead of the terms of the demerger being announced on May 12.

In an unusual move, Salomon Brothers International, which had been running an unofficial market in the price the two would be quoted at, has agreed to defer further such trading until the pricing is set because of concern that the market may not be a fair one and may be subject to manipulation.

Salomon Brothers International is not a member of the London Stock Exchange, and is not governed by the Exchange's authority. But its associate, Salomon Brothers UK Equity, is a member and a market-maker, and is, as such, barred from grey market dealing.

It appears that the American securities house has bowed to pressure from the Exchange. A spokesman for Salomon commented: "We're good citizens of this City."

The Exchange has said that grey market dealing may start again on May 12, ahead of the requotation of the shares on June 1, and has indicated that it is keen to formalise some sort of unofficial market in shares ahead of their listing in due course.

The Exchange is unhappy about two aspects of the ICI/Zeneca grey market, although it has not opposed other such markets in shares ahead of their London listing.

First, it is concerned that not all those dealing in the when-issued shares, the official term for grey market stock, have sufficient information to assess their true value. Second, the Exchange feels the operation of the market may affect the companies' ability to price the issue accurately. There is a fear that unscrupulous institutions may try to force the grey market price down and so suppress the eventual price.

☐ ICI has won an important High Court test case with a ruling that Zeneca shares that will go to its existing shareholders in the demerger will be regarded as capital and not income by trustees. The judgment removes fears that many trusts might be forced to sell their ICI shares.

Carpet king springs back to market

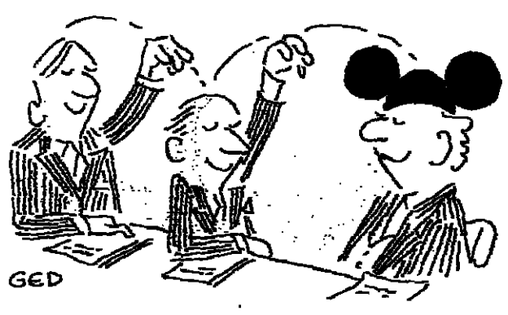
SIR Phil Harris, the carpet king, plans to return to the stock market next month when County NatWest floats his fast-growing Carpetright of London, which started in November 1988 and opened its 116th shop, at Biggleswade in Bedfordshire, on the last day of its financial year yesterday.

Sir Phil had reluctantly agreed to sell his £70 million stake in Harris Queensway in summer 1988 to a takeover bid that led to failure in 1990. Meanwhile, Sir Phil went back to specialising in carpets, investing £3 million. In the year to end-April 1992, Carpetright reported £2.8 million pre-tax profit on £53 million sales but profit reached £3.4 million in the first 28 weeks of the year just ended. It ranks second only to Allied-Maples in carpet sales.

Mickey Mouse gets a new money man

By Patricia Tehan

IF PROOF was needed that the magic had gone out of Euro Disneyland, it was provided yesterday with the news that Michael Montgomery, one of the Walt Disney company's top finance men, is replacing John Forsgren as executive vice president and chief financial officer in Paris. The company said: Mr Forsgren "assumes the new position of vice chairman of Euro Disney".



Walt Disney, the US leisure and entertainment group, owns 49 per cent of the Euro Disney shares. One analyst described the move as "suspicious" and smacking of "desperation". This is the second top Euro Disney management reshuffle since January when Robert Fitzpatrick resigned as chairman and Philippe Bourguignon, a Frenchman responsible for hotels and property development at the park, replaced him.

At the end of January Euro Disney posted a Fr492 million loss in the first quarter of the year and in February M Bourguignon warned that the company would make a substantial loss this year. Last Wednesday Euro Disney unveiled a Fr1.1 billion loss for the half year. At the halfway stage, Euro Disney had long-term debts of Fr20 billion and gearing of 350 per cent. The analyst said: "The company needs a big dose of new equity to get the financing costs down and also make it less vulnerable". He said it still needs to find Fr8-9 billion for its Phase 2 development.

Mr Montgomery joined Disney as assistant treasurer in 1986, becoming vice president and treasurer of the Walt Disney Company in 1991. It said that he "has played a critical role in the structuring and negotiating of several long-term financings, including film production transactions that involved partners in Japan as well as Europe and the United States." His responsibilities have also included the management of "Disney's sophisticated foreign exchange operations".

The company said Mr Forsgren "will focus on relationships and communications with the Euro Disney board of directors and will represent the company in all matters relating to its environment".

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McCarthy faces long haul back

By Carl Mortished

McCARTHY & Stone, the sheltered housing group, foresees a long haul out of the recession. The company reduced its loss for the six months to February 28 from £6.9 million to £6.1 million but there is no dividend, in line with forecasts at the last year-end.

Martin Towers, finance director, said there were signs of recovery, but shareholders would have to wait until 1994 for real improvement. "We won't get back into profit this year," he said.

The company has been affected by the fall in house prices in the South East.

McCarthy & Stone sold 385 units in the first six months, 14 per cent up, but at lower margins. Average selling prices for retirement flats were down from £68,500 to £61,000, causing UK turnover to fall from £24 million to £21 million.

The interim figures include an operating loss of £400,000 and sales of £1.5 million from Homelife and Quadrant, the group's French subsidiaries, whose £14 million of operating assets are to be liquidated. The worsening French recession has reduced unit sales further from 40 to 23 in the interim period.

G7 heralds new era of economic co-operation to aid world growth

From Wolfgang Münchau in Washington

THE Group of Seven finance ministers were keen to stress a new era of co-operation on economic policy to foster healthier world growth and a fresh determination to tackle structural issues after their meeting in Washington on Thursday.

However, as soon as the meeting wound down, focus in the financial markets had already shifted to worries about the quality of the US recovery, so crucial as an engine to flagging growth elsewhere in the world.

After news that American growth had slumped to only 1.8 per cent in the first quarter of this year, compared with 4.7 per cent in the last three months of 1992, it was announced yesterday that factory orders in March had declined 1.5 per cent and the influential Chicago purchasing management index had also fallen.

The dollar recovered some ground yesterday after pronounced weakness overnight on news that the Bundesbank had cut its three-month T-bill rate to 7 per cent from 7.5 per cent, which, superficially, appeared to contradict a new outbreak of conservatism about monetary easing among officials at the meeting. The dollar edged back again as markets interpreted the move as purely technical, following the recent cut in the German discount rate.

After its meeting, the G7 held out the prospect of a further reduction in European interest rates in the medium term. Finance ministers and central bankers from Britain, Germany, France and Italy, the four European participants, committed themselves to "medium-term budget consolidation plans", which would "create room" for further interest rate cuts.

The need for such policies, however, was underlined by the International Monetary Fund in its latest World Economic Outlook earlier this week.

At the meeting, America failed to elicit anything specific from Japan on top of the recently announced $117 billion stimulus programme. Lloyd Bentsen, the US treasury secretary, said the trade deficit with Japan "*remains a* drag on growth". Yoshiro Hayashi, the Japanese finance minister, said the Japanese economy was already displaying signs of growth. His optimism was echoed by Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, who expects Germany to resume growth by the end of the year.

The meeting also agreed a strengthening of the G7's focus on issues of structural reform inside members' economies. These include the reform of labour markets, policies to increase savings and investments, investment in human capital, and the curbing of healthcare costs. Finance ministers will carry out a study of structural reform with suggestions for improvement in each of their countries. The report is to be presented at the Tokyo G7 summit in July.

The focus on structural economic issues is a departure from previous meetings, which were dominated by disagreements over interest rates and currencies.



Japanese concern: Lloyd Bentsen says the US trade deficit is a drag on growth

Midlands chief goes

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

RICHARD Young, the managing director of Midlands Electricity, one of the 12 privatised power distributors, has quit, apparently after a dispute with Bryan Townsend, the chairman.

Mr Young, 50, had been with the company since 1982, and was appointed managing director before the company's privatisation in 1990. Mike Hughes, who joined in the same year from GEC Alsthom, effectively replaces him, becoming chief executive.

Mr Young's departure surprised the stock market, as the electricity sector is not normally troubled by corporate power struggles.

One broker speculated: "I think the chairman was taking on too much of a role and not allowing Richard Young to breathe."

Midlands would not discuss the dispute, although a spokesman said: "A great deal depends on the relationship between the two people at the top of the company."

The official line is that Mr Young chose to leave after Mr Hughes was given the chief executive's job, which left him with little role to play.

But it appears Mr Young and Mr Townsend fell out over the extent of their respective duties. A statement from Midlands said: "Some changes will be made to the individual responsibilities of directors."

Mr Young was paid more than £160,000, according to the latest report and accounts, and was on a three-year contract. Compensation terms for loss of office are being negotiated and he can look forward to a hefty payoff, to be reported to shareholders in due course.

He was on holiday in South Africa and not available for comment last night.

Kingston pulls out of America

By Philip Pangalos

KINGSTON Oil & Gas, the energy company, is selling its American gas interests. The disposal announcement was accompanied by results showing provision-related full-year losses, a £2.8 million acquisition, a capital reduction and a change of name to Greenway Holdings.

Kingston, which said earlier this year that it was in potential bid talks, is acquiring BCS, an oil recovery business, from Emo Oil for about £2.8 million in shares, representing about 29.9 per cent of Kingston's enlarged share capital. Kingston plans to merge BCS with Orcol, its oil recovery business.

The company has also sold its Kingston Oil Corporation gas interests to its management for $3 million, resulting in an exceptional charge of £5.8 million.

Kingston slid into the red with a writedown-related pretax loss of £4.11 million in the year to end-December, compared with a profit of £1.19 million last time, on turnover of £6.09 million (£6.63 million). There was an exceptional charge of £4.49 million. There is a loss of 32.44p a share, against earnings of 9.01p last time. As a result of the loss, there is no final dividend (1.5p) giving a reduced total payout of 1p (2.5p).

Kingston said it would seek approval for a reduction in share capital to recognise this loss and allow future payments of dividends at an earlier stage.

Kingston shares were unchanged at 50p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Ptarmigan pays £8m for FKI Cableform

PTARMIGAN Holdings, the hotels-to-foods group, is acquiring the FKI Cableform components business from FKI, the electrical engineering group, for about £8 million.

Ptarmigan, whose shares were suspended at 10p this week, is partly funding the deal through a £5 million 14-for-3 rights issue, at 8p a share, underwritten by Chemical Investment Bank. The balance will be satisfied by the issue to FKI of £2 million nominal of loan stock and 12.5 million new Ptarmigan shares. Ptarmigan, which plans to change its name to Graystone, also announced an increased pre-tax loss of £127,000 (£104,000) in the six months to end-December. There is again no dividend.

RMC lifted by merger

SHARES in RMC, the building materials group, gained 34p to 675p after the merger of Readymix, its German business, with Readymix Berlin, a company set up in 1990 for expansion into the former East Germany. RMC said the merger would boost earnings and cash flow by allowing the group to offset depreciation and accumulated losses of at least DM100 million against German corporation taxes.

EFG to raise £3m

EFG is making a £3 million two-for-one rights issue, at 12p a share, to cut borrowings and provide further working capital. The USM-quoted garden centre to horticultural products group suffered pre-tax losses of £4.04 million in the year to end-January (£3.06 million loss). The loss per share rose to 24.98p (16.22p). There is again no dividend. EFG is seeking a full listing. The shares lost 1p to 15p.

Plateau battle looms

A TAKEOVER battle looms for the cash shell Plateau Mining in the wake of the three-for-ten paper bid by Australia's Kingsstream Resources, and the announcement that Dixon Motor Holdings, a privately owned Yorkshire motor dealer, plans to reverse into Plateau. This deal imputes a valuation of 6.35p a Plateau share and would give the enlarged group a market capitalisation of £12 million.

Ashley incurs a loss

THE Digsa Spanish retail food operation, to be sold to the Parafax investment group, contributed an operating loss of £4.99 million (£6.96 million profit) to Ashley Group's 16-month figures to end-December. Ashley, whose other interests include window blinds and timber, lost £13.8 million at the taxable level, against profits of £13.7 million in the previous 12 months. No final dividend will be paid.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

RICHARDS GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £53,000 (£1.02m)
EPS: 1.03p (9.18p)
Div: 2.75p, mkg 4.4p
Last time's total dividend was 4.4p. Turnover fell to £11.3m (£13.1m). Group said outlook for current year is encouraging, with orders up 30%.

BENCHMARK GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.39m loss
LPS: 0.87p (1.08p)
Div: Nil (nil)
There was a loss of £1.75m last time. There is an extraordinary charge of £1.69m (£3.3m). Turnover fell to £1.48m (£8.07m).

DOWNIEBRAE HLDGS
Pre-tax: £201,967
EPS: 0.85p (1.93p)
Div: 0.5p (0.5p)
Final results. Last time's profit was £422,968. Exceptional loss of £50,000 and extraordinary charge of £84,035. Turnover: £1.6m (£1.56m).

ESTATES & AGENCY (Int)
Pre-tax: £416,000
EPS: 6.89p (4.26p)
Div: 0.5p
Last time's profit was £437,000. Company's bankers have agreed to provide continuing support. Gross rental income was £2.48m (£2.5m).

CLAYTON, SON & CO
Pre-tax: £1.11m loss
LPS: 38.64p (8.89p)
Div: Nil (3p)
Final results. There was a loss of £490,626 last time. Turnover fell to £16.6m (£19.7m). There is an exceptional loss of £411,180.

BLACKWOOD HODGE
Pre-tax: £147,000
LPS: 0.7p (EPS: 2p)
Div: Nil (nil)
Interim results. Last time's profit was £4.41m. There is an exceptional charge of £154,000. Turnover advanced to £122.1m (£117.5m).

OFFICE ELECT MACH
Pre-tax: £94,000
EPS: 1.5p (LPS: 3.2p)
Div: Nil (nil)
Interim results. There was a loss of £71,000 last time. There is an exceptional credit of £265,000. Turnover stood at £1.58m.

NESTLÉ S.A.

Nestlé S.A., Cham and Vevey (Switzerland)

The shareholders are hereby invited to the
126th Ordinary General Meeting
to be held on Thursday, May 27, 1993 at 3.00 p.m.
at the "Palais de Beaulieu" in Lausanne (Switzerland)

Agenda

1. Approval of the 1992 accounts and of the Directors' Report
2. Discharge of the Board of Directors and of the Management
3. Decision on the appropriation of the net profit
4. Ordinary capital increase
5. Authorized capital increase
6. Conditional capital increase
7. Complete revision of the Articles of Association
8. Statutory elections
9. Reorganisation of the capital structure
   9.1 Conversion of participation certificates into registered shares*
   9.2 Conversion of bearer shares into registered shares
10. Final vote on the Articles of Association

* subject to prior approval by the Meeting of the holders of participation certificates

Documents
The complete agenda with the proposals of the Board of Directors is published in "Feuille Officielle Suisse du Commerce" of April 26, 1993, the company's official publication organ. Furthermore, the detailed proposals and explanations of the Board of Directors concerning points 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10 of the agenda will be held at the disposal of shareholders as from April 30, 1993, at the Registered Offices in Cham and Vevey and at the offices of the company's usual paying agents. They can also be ordered from the Secretary General of the company in CH-1800 Vevey. The 1992 Annual Report, comprising in particular the Nestlé S.A. Directors' Report, will be held at disposal and can be ordered at the same places as from May 7, 1993.

Admission cards
The holders of bearer shares may obtain their admission card (with a proxy) at the company's Share Transfer Office in CH-6330 Cham, or order it directly or through a bank not later than Monday, May 24, 1993, at noon. Cards will be delivered either against presentation of a certificate in the name of the shareholder to the effect that the shares have been deposited with a bank, or after the shares have been deposited at one of the company's registered offices. The shares will in both cases remain blocked until the day following the General Meeting.

Important! Holders of bearer shares whose shares are on deposit with a bank can no longer count on being automatically informed by their bank on this General Meeting. Several banks do indeed no longer provide this service, respectively make it dependent on the payment of a fee. The latter also applies to ordering admission cards through these banks and in certain cases to obtaining deposit certificates.

The holders of registered shares recorded in the Share Register with voting rights will, within the next few days, receive the invitation to the General Meeting together with a reply form for ordering an admission card or appointing a proxy, as well as with the detailed proposals and explanations of the Board of Directors concerning points 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10 of the agenda.

Proxies
Shareholders who do not wish to attend the General Meeting can be represented by another shareholder (registered shareholder with voting rights by another registered shareholder with voting rights), by Nestlé S.A. or by the independent representative pursuant to section 689c of the Swiss Company Law, namely Mr. Jean-Ludovic Hartmann (attorney and notary, Boulevard de Pérolles 7, 1701 Fribourg, Switzerland). In case of representation by Nestlé S.A., the vote will be cast in accordance with the Board of Directors' proposal, unless specifically instructed otherwise.

Pursuant to article 689d of the Swiss Company Law, proxy holders of shares deposited with them are requested to notify the company of the number, type, nominal value and classes of shares represented by them in due time, but at the latest by May 27, 1993, at 2.45 p.m. Institutions subject to the Swiss Federal Law regarding Banks and Savings Banks of November 8, 1934, as well as professional asset managers qualify as proxy holders of deposited shares.

Shareholders are requested to address any correspondence concerning the General Meeting to the Share Transfer Office of the company in Cham, Switzerland.

Information for the holders of participation certificates
Holders of participation certificates are not entitled to attend the Shareholders' General Meeting. The resolutions of the General Meeting will be held at the disposal of holders of participation certificates, after the General Meeting, at the Registered Offices of the Company in Cham and Vevey. Furthermore, the holders of participation certificates are advised of the invitation to a Meeting of the holders of participation certificates which is published in this same paper.

Cham and Vevey, April 26, 1993 — The Board of Directors
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A week in the life of NatWest's leading crisis manager

Bomb or no bomb, it was business as usual

A week ago today, Martin Gray was looking forward to a relaxing weekend when the explosion rocked the City. Patricia Tehan reports



JOHN MANNING

Damage limitation: the NatWest tower after Saturday's explosion left Martin Gray, in temporary offices, with the logistical problem of getting everyone back to work

Martin Gray had finished Saturday's supermarket shopping expedition and was planning to spend a relaxing weekend in his west London garden. Half an hour later, he was in National Westminster Bank's north London control centre attempting to assess the damage caused by a one tonne bomb left in a lorry just 50 yards from the City's highest building, NatWest Tower.

Mr Gray became a reluctant media star. He is chief executive of NatWest's UK branch business, which is based in the tower, so his side of the business was most affected by the blast and he was given the task of making sure NatWest went back to work on Monday.

Dressed in casual weekend clothes, hair dishevelled, but looking calm and composed, Mr Gray appeared on televisions and in newspapers across the country reassuring staff and customers alike that, bomb or no bomb, it was business as usual for the bank. He estimates that since last weekend he has spent as much as 20 per cent of his time being the public face of NatWest.

Those working with him say his refusal to panic helped many of the staff called in over the weekend to keep their heads. First impressions are of a short, tough, battle-hardened, no-nonsense, northerner. He is definitely not the archetypal head of a UK bank branch network — you might imagine him instead in industry.

Like Derek Wanless, NatWest's chief executive, Mr Gray is a NatWest careerist, in his mid-forties, and speaks with a northern accent. There the similarity ends. While Mr Wanless entered the bank on the fast-track with a first class honours degree in mathematics from Cambridge, Mr Gray joined its Leeds branch at 17 and has worked his way to the top through grit and determination.

He got his first close look at the damage outside the building that afternoon and says he felt "disappointed and frustrated". His first thoughts were "what has been done to a lovely building".

"It was a very still day and despite all the damage to the glass there was no paper flowing out of the building."

Mr Gray heard the news of the bomb in a telephone call from a friend who lives near the City and had heard the explosion.

By the time he arrived at the control centre, boards were already going up in the shattered windows of NatWest buildings across the City; contingency plans had been spread out on desks; and reports on the extent of the damage were beginning to filter in.

Mr Gray says his first task was to mobilise teams from the bank's telecommunications, systems and technology, and property departments to ensure telephones were diverted, computer files could be accessed and staff would have somewhere to go to work on Monday.

"Then I started making calls to some of my own people," who were put on standby to come in. "Teams were being assembled an hour after the bomb", he says with obvious pride.

"By lunch time we had a fairly detailed understanding of the damage in the City and better understood the damage to our own buildings," he says. "It was clear that the damage to the tower was worse than the last time, that one or two buildings in the tower complex were damaged and that there was damage to other buildings including four branches."

Much of the rest of his Saturday was spent "prioritising", he says, making sure the business would run as close to normal as possible on Monday morning. Top of the list was making sure that the bank's clearing and payments systems would be up and running.

"On Saturday afternoon we were able to put contingency plans for these key areas into operation," he says.

By the end of the day it was clear that the tower and some of the buildings in the tower complex, which together house the offices of 1,900 staff, would not be opening on Monday, a problem described by Mr Gray as "operational issues" that could be dealt with. In between all of this he managed to fit in the first of many television, radio and press interviews.

He went home at 11.30 pm, leaving a core of staff dealing with logistics such as desks and personal computers working through the night. On Sunday, Mr Gray was back at his desk in the control centre at 7 am. The early part of the day was spent contacting staff at home, finding office space for key staff and telling 900 others to sit tight until a new home could be found for them.

The branch banking executive team "with businesses to manage", the public affairs office, and NatWest's planning and finance functions had to be operational, he says.

He wrote to all head office and City of London staff "explaining the situation and offering counselling to those who wanted it". Several staff, unnerved by the bomb, took up the offer.

On Sunday afternoon, Mr Gray finally got to examine the damage inside the tower. Up to a third of the windows had been blown out and there was extensive damage. He praises the bank's clear-desk policy, which meant that despite the damage to the windows, the streets around the tower were not filled with mountains of paper. Meanwhile, the bank's annual meeting, due to take place in the tower complex on Tuesday, had been rearranged, and was taken in hand by Mr Wanless.

> 'It was a very still day and despite all the damage to the glass there was no paper flowing out of the building'

Mr Gray's emergence as a media star started in earnest on Sunday. "Once I knew that everything was working right I spent a lot of time on Sunday with the media."

Like all senior management these days, Mr Gray has been put through media training, but he has had very little live television experience. He says: "There are many occasions when I have to meet the press to talk about our business and talk about the good things that we are doing for customers. There are times when I have to talk about times when we have not got things right and that is rough. This time, it was nice to have a sympathetic press."

He managed to get home before 8 pm. He says his wife is used to having him take work home at the weekend and has been very supportive this week. "My wife works in the bank, she understood." Monday was Mr Gray's first day back at work in a suit. His team was relocated to empty NatWest offices. "Staff were called in early and the whole place was moving by 8 am."

He spent a large part of the day giving more press and broadcast interviews, something he says he was happy to do because, "I wanted to get some particular messages across: that we were up and running for business; that customer service would continue as normal with no interruption; and that we had a handle on the situation." He is modest about the role he played this week, saying: "I happened to find myself the most senior person in the business affected. I would have rather been doing the job that I normally do."

On Monday he found "the demonstration of teamwork by everybody in the bank and our outside suppliers was unbelievable. Nobody said 'no', nobody said 'wait a minute', everybody said 'yes'."

By Tuesday, Mr Gray says, he was able to spend half his time catching up with some of his everyday work that had been left to one side since Friday.

On Wednesday morning all staff had been found an office and Mr Gray and his team were beginning to discuss "the next wave of planning, how to make people more comfortable to make the business seamless from our point of view as well as from that of our customers".

From Wednesday afternoon, he says, 90 per cent of his time has been spent running NatWest's UK branch network.

This week has been nothing if not tough. But Mr Gray emerged from it as the man of the week, having got NatWest back to work without any obvious evidence to the outsider of disruption. He chain-smoked throughout our meeting, and it was difficult to believe his claim that he managed to get through the week on no more than his usual "pack a day". Naturally, he says, "this is not a situation that one likes to face". But "we have been trained to deal with issues that arise when running a major business".

He says that with the help of all the staff who rallied round, "it came together wonderfully. My job was just to make sure that it was running smoothly".

Looking ahead and facing up to the continued threat of terrorist attacks in the City, Mr Gray says: "The City as a whole will have to think through and discuss with the right authorities how to make sure that this does not happen again."

Sitting in his windowless temporary office on the fifth floor of an anonymous building half a mile away from the tower, Mr Gray is unbowed by the bomb. Yes, of course he misses his luxurious 38th floor office with unrivalled views across the City.

But, as he puts it: "We are fully operational, receiving our mail, our phones are working and all my team is around me."

He is still catching up with his work, but is determined to spend at least an hour in the garden this weekend, weather permitting.

NESTLÉ S.A.

Nestlé S.A. - Cham and Vevey (Switzerland)

Invitation to a meeting of the holders of participation certificates

The holders of participation certificates are hereby invited to a Meeting to be held on Thursday, May 27, 1993 at 10.00 a.m. at the "Palais de Beaulieu" in Lausanne (Switzerland).

Agenda

Authorisation of the General Meeting of the Shareholders to convert the participation certificates into registered shares

Proposal of the Board of Directors:
"The General Meeting of Shareholders is authorised to resolve to convert the participation certificates into registered shares.

Following their transfer, these new shares will be subject to the restrictions set forth in Article 6 of the Articles of Association."

The explanations of the Board of Directors concerning the conversion of participation certificates into registered shares will be held at the disposal of the holders of participation certificates as from April 30, 1993, at the Registered Offices in Cham and Vevey and at the offices of the company's usual paying agents. They can also be ordered from the Secretary General of the company in CH-1800 Vevey.

Participation at the Meeting
The holders of participation certificates may obtain their admission card (with proxy) at the company's Share Transfer Office in CH-6330 Cham, or order it directly or through a bank not later than Monday, May 24, 1993, at noon. Cards will be delivered either against presentation of a certificate in the name of the holder of participation certificates to the effect that the participation certificates have been deposited with a bank, or after the participation certificates have been deposited at one of the company's registered offices. The participation certificates will in both cases remain blocked until the day following the Meeting.

Proxies: Holders of participation certificates who do not wish to attend the Meeting can be represented by another holder of participation certificates, by Nestlé S.A. or by the independent representative pursuant to section 689c of the Swiss Company Law, namely Mr. Jean-Ludovic Hartmann (attorney and notary, Boulevard de Pérolles 7, 1701 Fribourg, Switzerland). In case of representation by Nestlé S.A. the vote will be cast in accordance with the Board of Directors' proposal, unless specifically instructed otherwise.

Pursuant to article 689d of the Swiss Company Law, proxy holders of participation certificates deposited with them are requested to notify the company of the number of participation certificates represented by them in due time, but at the latest by May 27, 1993, at 9.45 a.m. Institutions subject to the Swiss Federal Law regarding Banks and Savings Banks of November 8, 1934, as well as professional asset managers qualify as proxy holders of deposited participation certificates.

Holders of participation certificates are requested to address any correspondence concerning the Meeting to the Share Transfer Office of the company in Cham, Switzerland.

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Debt deadline for Polly Peck

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Nadir: former chief

TURKISH Cypriot authorities have told administrators of Polly Peck, the collapsed trading company, to pay social security and tax debts by the end of this month or face the takeover of assets on the island.

Officials said the finance and economy ministry had obtained a court order empowering it to take over 27 facilities owned by Polly Peck, including three hotels, a citrus processing plant and a cardboard packing plant.

Administrators of the fruits-to-electronics conglomerate, which was headed by Asil Nadir, met Turkish Cypriot officials this week in northern Cyprus and promised to pay the debts next month, the officials added.

The value of the tax and social security debts, accumulated before and after the collapse of the firm, was "billions of lira", they said. That could be anything from hundreds of thousands of US dollars to several million dollars.

Salih Cosar, Turkish Cypriot economy minister, said he believed an agreement on Polly Peck's assets on the island could be reached with the administrators soon.

Local court orders have blocked sale of the assets keeping them out of any settlement.

Cyprus has been divided since 1974 when Turkish troops occupied its northern third. Turkey alone recognises the Turkish Cypriot administration in the north.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Gold fever

"There are those who believe gold is the buying opportunity of a lifetime — George Soros and Jimmy Goldsmith among them — which suggests they also believe there is something deeply wrong with paper money . . ."

Business — The Sunday Times tomorrow

STOCK MARKET

Share losses clawed back

SHARE prices staged a technical rally and clawed back some of this week's losses before the long bank holiday weekend.

The FT-SE 100 index, which has been in free fall for much of the week because of futures-related selling, closed near its best of the day, with a rise of 26.3 points to 2,813.1. The fall on the week is 30.7. But trading remained thin and sensitive, with a disappointing 526 million shares changing hands. Dealers said investors had proved reluctant to open fresh positions midway through a three-week account after recent volatility.

United Biscuits, the McVitie and KP food group, remained a favourite with investors as speculative buying pushed the price 16p higher to 426p. There has been talk all week of a bid from either **Cadbury Schweppes**, 1p easier at 461p, or **Hanson**, 1½p dearer at 231p. UBS, the stockbroker, is also said to be recommending the shares to clients. Another takeover favourite attracting support is **Blue Circle Industries**, 11p better at 254p. **Warburg Securities** rates the shares a buy.

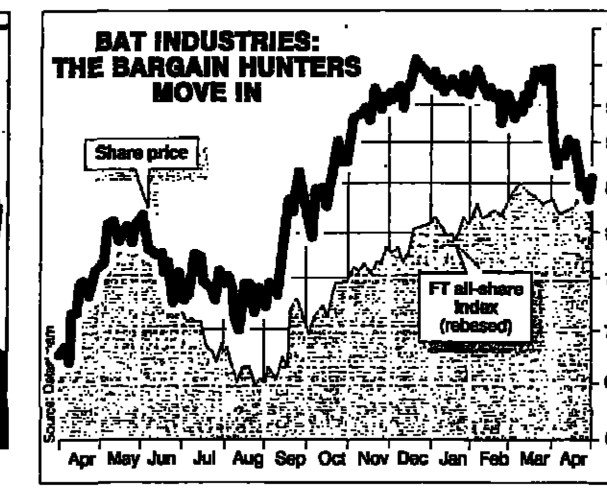
BAT Industries, chaired by



Sir Patrick: share boost

Sir Patrick Sheehy, got back some of this week's losses, with a rise of 18p to 856p helped by the appearance of a few bargain hunters. The shares have been depressed recently by news of a cigarette price war initiated by Philip Morris in America and the strength of the pound against the dollar.

Reuters attracted renewed institutional support after a presentation for fund managers arranged by Kleinwort Benson, which is believed to have increased its profits forecast and takes the view that much of the worry about



computerised trading systems have been overdone.

The drinks sector responded positively to a bullish review of the sector from James Capel. There were gains for **Allied-Lyons** 10p to 577p, **Bass** 8p to 543p, **Boddington** 4p to 265p, **HP Bulmer** 3p to 408p, **Grand Metropolitan** 2p to 410p, **Scottish & Newcastle** 6p to 465p and **Whitbread A** 9p to 474p.

Dealers reported mixed fortunes for the banks as **Barclays** rose 7p to 429p and **National Westminster** eased 2p to 459p. Kleinwort Benson is urging clients to switch out of NatWest and into Barclays. It says the latter is better placed to benefit from the economic recovery.

Lex Service, the car distributor, firmed 2p to 342p after telling shareholders at the annual meeting that its dealerships had outstripped the 12 per cent growth recorded in the new car market during the first quarter.

Tiphook, the container and trailer rental group, regained its poise after Thursday's profit warning, ending 2p up at 232p, after touching 217p. The shares fell 63p on Thursday.

EFG, the USM-quoted garden centres group, is raising £3 million by way of a two-for-one rights issue, at 12p a share. EFG, which also unveiled a capital reorganisation and reduction of capital, will use the money to reduce gearing and provide additional working capital.

The group has also gone deeper into the red, with pre-tax losses of £4.04 million for the year to January, compared with a deficit of £3.06 million last time. It is applying for a full listing for its shares, which finished 1p lower at 15p.

Also on the USM, Quiligotti, the tile maker, eased ½p to 4p after making a profits warning. The group says trading conditions in the second half have been extremely difficult. It expects to make a higher than expected loss for the year.

Hartstone, the leather products and hoisery group, fell a further 5p to 95p as a large line of stock came on the market. Dealers said that a total of 2 million shares had been placed at about the 892p level.

MICHAEL CLARK

WORLD MARKETS

Nikkei ends at new high for 1993

Tokyo — Shares ended higher and the Nikkei average closed at a new high for the year. Buying of blue chips was encouraged by a moderation of the yen's rise after the G7 communiqué, which emphasised the need for a stable currency market, brokers reported. The Nikkei rose 464.61 points, or 2.27 per cent, to 20,919.18. An estimated 650 million shares were traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices closed easier on profit-taking, with many investors keeping to the sidelines ahead of the weekend, brokers said. The Hang Seng index dropped 53.54 points to finish at 6,830.51 after gaining about 30 points in early trading.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares crept up at the close. The all-ordinaries ended, up 1.2 points, at 1,681.5.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares ended higher for the first time since April 19. The Dax index closed 3.25 points, or 0.2 per cent, higher at 1,627.19, after retreating from its intraday high of 1,632.16 at mid-session on pre-weekend position squaring. *(Reuter)*

New York — Shares kept their upward momentum in early trading, with a rally encouraged by mutual funds. George Pirrone, senior trader at Dreyfus, said: "There are not too many groups that look sour." The Dow Jones industrial average was up 13.77 points to 3,438.89. Referring to an industry report that mutual funds took in a record $11.3 billion last month, Alan Ackerman, of Reich & Co, said: "There are plenty of ups and downs, but this time the downside is protected by a cushion of cash." *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Apr 30 midday	Apr 29 close
AMP Inc	61	60
AMR Corp	67	67
Abbott Labs	27	27
Aetna Life	52	49
Ahmanson (HF)	18	19
Air Prod & Chem	44	43
Albertson's	54	54
Alcan Alumnm	18	18
Alco Standard	47	47
Allied Signal	64	63
Alum Co of Am	66	66
Amax	16	16
Amerada Hess	54	54
Amer Brands	31	31
Amer Cyanamid	52	52
Amer El Power	37	37
Amer Express	28	28
Amer Genl Corp	30	30
Amer Home Pr	67	66
Amer Intl	126	124
Amer Stores	40	40
Amer T & T	56	56
Amertech	75	75
Amoco	54	54
Anheuser-Busch	47	47
Apple Computer	52	50
Archer Daniels	25	25
Arkla	9	9
Armco	7	6
Armstrng Wrld	33	32
Asarco	20	20
Ashland Oil	26	25
Atl Richfield	124	124
Auto Data Pro	49	48
Avery Dennison	30	30
Avon Products	55	53
Baker Hughes	27	26
Baltim Gas & El	25	25
Banc One	55	55
BankAmerica	46	45
Bank of NY	54	53
Bankers Tr NY	70	69
Barnett Banks	44	43
Bausch & Lomb	50	50
Baxter Intl	27	27
Bectn Dicknsn	35	34
Bell Atlantic	51	51
BellSouth	53	53
Black & Decker	19	19
Block (H&R)	34	34
Boeing	37	38
Boise Cascade	25	25
Borden Inc	23	23
Bristol Myrs Sq	59	59
Browning Ferris	27	27
Burlington Nthn	55	53
CBS	233	232
CNA Financial	95	95
CPC Intl	42	42
CSX	72	73
Campbell Soup	38	38
Can Pacific	16	16
Cptl Cities ABC	527	525
Cptl Holdings	78	78
Carolina Pwr	33	33
Caterpillar	69	68
Central & SW	33	32
Champion Intl	33	33
Chase Manhat	30	30
Chemical Bk	38	38
Chevron Corp	86	85
Chrysler	41	40
Chubb Corp	90	88
Cigna Corp	61	60
Citicorp	28	27
Clorox	48	49
Coastal Corp	27	27
Coca Cola	39	39
Colgate-Palmolive	59	58
Columbia Gas	22	22
Commonw Ed	28	28
Compaq Comp	48	47
Comp Ass Int	23	23
Conagra	34	34
Cons Edison	35	35
Cons Nat Gas	50	50
Cons Rail	52	50
Cooper Inds	46	46
Corning Inc	35	35
Crown Cork	38	38
Dana Corp	49	48
Dayton Hudson	71	71
Deere	59	60
Delta Air Lines	58	57
Deluxe Corp	44	44
Detroit Edison	35	35
Digital Equip	43	43
Dillard Dept St	37	37
Disney (Walt)	40	41
Dominion Res	43	43
Donnelley (RR)	26	27
Dover Corp	47	47
Dow Chemicals	54	54
Dow Jones	31	31
Dresser	20	21
Duke Power	39	39
Dun & Bradstreet	58	58
Du Pont	52	53
Eastman Kodak	48	48
Eaton Corp	91	90

	Apr 30 midday	Apr 29 close
Emerson Elec	58	57
Engelhard Corp	33	32
Enron Corp	56	55
Entergy Corp	35	35
Ethyl Corp	28	28
Exxon	66	66
FMC Corp	43	44
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	48	49
Fed Nat Mtge	77	77
First Chicago	40	39
First Interstate	54	54
First Union Rlty	11	11
Fleet Fnl Grp	31	31
Fluor Corp	40	40
Ford Motor	54	54
GTE Corp	36	35
Gannett	52	52
Gap Inc Del	29	28
Gen Cinema	35	35
Gen Dynamics	96	95
Gen Electric	91	91
Gen Mills	66	65
Gen Motors	41	40
Gen Reinsurance	116	116
Gen Signal	62	61
Genuine Parts	34	35
Georgia Pac	66	65
Gillette	52	51
Glaxo ADR	18	18
Goodrich (BF)	47	46
Goodyear Tire	74	74
Grace (W&R)	39	39
Gt Atl Pac Tea	28	29
Great Wstn Fin	17	16
Halliburton	40	40
Heinz (HJ)	37	36
Hercules	75	75
Hershey Foods	51	51
Hewlett Packard	74	74
Hilton Hotels	45	45
Home Depot	42	41
Homestake	16	16
Honeywell	34	34
Household Intl	69	68
Houston Inds	46	46
Humana	9	8
ITT Corp	82	81
Illinois Tool	72	71
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	33	33
Inland Steel	22	22
Intel Corp	96	95
IBM	48	48
Intl Flav & Fr	112	112
Intl Paper	65	65
James River Va	20	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43	42
K Mart	22	22
Kellogg	58	56
Kerr-McGee	50	49
Kimberly-Clark	47	47
Knight-Ridder	57	57
Lilly (Eli)	49	48
Limited Inc	22	22
Lin Brdcstng	88	87
Lincoln Nat	80	79
Litton	57	57
Liz Claiborne	35	34
Lockheed Corp	62	62
Louisiana Pac	73	70
MCI Commun	47	46
Marriott	24	24
Marsh & McLnn	89	88
Masco Corp	32	32
May Dept St	69	70
Maytag Corp	13	13
McCaw Cellular	39	37
McDonalds	48	47
McDonnell D	60	59
McGraw Hill	61	61
Mead Corp	45	45
Medtronic	69	65
Mellon Bk	55	55
Melville Corp	44	44
Merck Inc	37	36
Merrill Lynch	70	69
Minnesota Mine	112	111
Mobil Corp	71	70
Monsanto	54	54
Morgan (JP)	67	67
Motorola Inc	72	72
Natl Medical	7	7
Natl Semi	12	12
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	2	2
NBD Bancorp	31	31
NY Times A	29	29
Newmont Mng	48	47
Niag Mohawk	22	22
Nike B	68	68
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	29	29
Norfolk Sthn	62	61
Nthn State Pwr	45	45
Norwest Corp	51	51
Nynex Corp	84	84
Occidental Pet	22	22
Ohio Edison	24	24
Oracle Systems	35	34

	Apr 30 midday	Apr 29 close
Oryx Energy Co	22	22
Owens Corning	40	39
PNC Financial	31	31
PPG Industries	73	73
Paccar Inc	60	60
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	23	23
Pac Gas & Elect	32	32
Pac Telesis	46	46
Pall Corp	18	18
Panhandle Easn	21	20
Paramnt Commn	52	51
Parker Hannifin	29	29
Penney (JC)	86	85
Pennzoil	63	62
Pepsico	38	37
Pfizer	67	67
Phelps Dodge	46	44
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	47	47
Phillips Pet	29	29
Pitney Bowes	40	40
Polaroid	33	32
Price Co	28	28
Primerica	45	44
Procter & Gmbl	48	48
Pub Serv E & G	34	34
Quaker Oats	65	65
Ralston Purina	47	47
Raychem Corp	41	41
Raytheon	58	58
Reebok Intl	30	30
Reynolds Metals	43	42
Roadway Srvcs	58	58
Rockwell Intl	33	32
Rohm & Haas	60	60
Royal Dutch	88	88
Rubbermaid	31	31
Safeco Corp	58	56
St Paul's Cos	80	80
Salomon Inc	36	36
Santa Fe S Pac	16	16
Sara Lee Corp	26	25
Scecorp	48	48
Schering Plough	65	66
Schlumberger	63	63
Scott Paper	34	34
Seagram	30	30
Sears Roebuck	52	53
Shell Trans	53	52
Sherwin Wlms	32	31
Skyline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	37	37
Southern Co	42	42
Sthwestern Bell	77	76
Sprint Corp	31	31
Stanley Works	45	46
Sun Company	26	25
Suntrust	45	44
Supervalu	31	31
Syntex Corp	19	18
Sysco Corp	24	24
TRW Inc	65	63
Tandem Comp	11	10
Tandy Corp	29	29
Telecom Corp	2	2
Teledyne	19	19
Temple Inland	45	43
Tenneco	47	47
Texaco	64	64
Texas Inst	57	56
Texas Utilities	47	46
Textron	47	48
Time Warner	32	32
Times-Mirror	32	31
Timken	31	31
Torchmark	55	55
Toys R Us	37	39
Transamerica	49	49
Travelers Corp	28	27
Tribune	55	54
Tyco Labs	43	42
UAL Corp	137	140
UST Inc	28	28
USX Marathon	18	18
Unilever NV	113	112
Union Camp	45	44
Union Carbide	19	19
Union Pacific	61	61
Unisys Corp	11	12
USAir Group	21	20
USF&G Corp	17	17
US Life	37	37
US West	42	42
United Tech	49	49
Unocal Corp	30	30
Upjohn	29	30
VF Corp	47	48
Wal-Mart Stores	26	26
Warner-Lambert	72	72
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32	32
Wells Fargo	107	105
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	44	44
Whirlpool	54	54
Whitman	14	13
Winn Dixie	55	54
Woolworth	30	30
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	32	32
Xerox	76	75

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities were back in favour as institutional investors took the view that this week's selling had been overdone.

The market has been overshadowed by weaker European bond markets and an abundance of newly issued stock after the latest gilt auction. Market-makers had been hoping that the stock would have been more oversubscribed than it was. This would have created a healthier after market. In the event, they were left nursing stock.

It was the shorter end that benefited most from yesterday's recovery, with Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 firming seven ticks to £109⁹/₃₂. At the longer end, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was ¹/₁₆ better at £103²³/₃₂.

On the futures market, the June series of the Long Gilt touched £104 before closing 10 ticks better at £103²⁵/₃₂.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103	101	Treas 12¼% 1993	101	−	12.34	5.88
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	−	6.00	5.97
106	104	Treas 13¾% 1993	104 †	−	13.19	5.86
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101	...	8.34	5.90
109	106	Treas 14½% 1994	106	−	13.58	6.00
109	107	Exch 13½% 1994	107	−	12.61	6.04
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104	...	9.61	6.09
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	−	11.61	6.28
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103 xd	+	8.67	6.32
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	108	+	11.02	6.48
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	−	3.13	5.34
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.55	6.62
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	113 xd	+	11.21	6.74
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	+	11.93	6.92
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	+	12.50	7.02
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	116 xd	+	11.35	7.03
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	109 †	−	9.17	7.04
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	+	11.13	7.28
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	110	+	9.48	7.20
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	105	+	8.28	7.18
132	128	Exch 15% 1997	128	+	11.68	7.45
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	+	8.92	7.37
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	+	7.23	7.16
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	+	6.86	7.12
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	134	+	11.56	7.68
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	118 †	+	10.12	7.78
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	108	+	8.75	7.59
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	+	10.18	7.85
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	113 †	+	9.28	7.73
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	112 xd	+	9.11	7.76
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	106	+	8.44	7.71
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	126	+	10.31	8.11
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	111	+	9.00	8.05
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	125 xd	+	11.17	7.83
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	+	8.86	8.17
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	99	+	8.06	8.10
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	111	+	8.95	8.29
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118	+	9.74	8.32
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	69	+	5.02	7.54
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	108	+	8.78	8.36
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	108	+	8.77	8.39
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126 xd	+	9.88	8.62
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	+	8.17	8.31
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	+	9.74	8.58
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	100	−	8.47	8.44
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133	...	10.09	8.63
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	104 xd	+	8.62	8.46
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	95	+	8.36	8.50
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	103	+	8.67	8.57
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	103	+	8.68	8.57
76	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	+	7.48	8.24
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92	+	8.39	8.50
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	129	+	9.24	8.79
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	100	+	8.67	8.62
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	46	...	8.67	...
42	38	War Ln 3½%	40 †	+	8.67	...
63	60	Conv 3½%	62	..	5.65	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	30	+	8.26	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	29	+	8.62	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	132 xd	+	...	1.32
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	195	...	1.88	2.65
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	−	2.41	3.00
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164	+	2.83	3.18
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161 †	+	2.94	3.23
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	+	3.08	3.36
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	+	3.09	3.31
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151 †	+	3.30	3.50
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156	+	3.37	3.55
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	127	+	3.45	3.62
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135	+	3.51	3.67
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	130	+	3.56	3.70
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107	+	3.59	3.72
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108	+	3.61	3.74

RECENT ISSUES

David Brown (70)	215	+1
Fleming Emerging Mkts	105	...
Gaelic Resources Wrts	¾	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	148	−1
Holliday Chem (195)	214	...
Oriental Smlr Co Wts	40	...
Quality Software Prods	491	...
Regent Inns (135)	151	...
Stagecoach (112)	125	...
Westminster Hlthcre	287	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
AAF n/p (175)	23	...
Atlas Cnvrtg Equip n/p	111	...
Avesco n/p (63)	20	...
Bemrose n/p (265)	62	−4
Bensons Crisps n/p (58)	6	−1
Channel Hldgs n/p (23)	1	...
EIS n/p (340)	20	...
Harris (P) n/p (200)	10	...
Headlam n/p (92)	29	...
Hunting n/p (185)	15	+4
Mayflower Corp n/p (36)	16	...
Meyer Intl n/p (290)	45	...
Millwall n/p (2)	½	...
Newmark (L) n/p (60)	3	...
Slough Ests n/p (150)	19	+2

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Allied Lyons	577p (+10p)
Blue Circle	254p (+11p)
Takeda Chem	792p (+10p)
Wellcome	735p (+13p)
Euro Disney	865p (+20p)
British Aerospace	322p (+9p)
D Smith	350p (+12p)
First Tech	194p (+11p)
BAT	856p (+18p)
RMC Group	675p (+34p)
Redland	445p (+13p)
BTP	268p (+10p)
ICI	1289p (+11p)
Dunhill	402p (+13p)
Kingfisher	600p (+12p)
Cable Wireless	693p (+13p)
ADT	563p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Sage Group	597p (−11p)
Wm Sinclair	237p (−9½p)
NSM	51p (−11p)

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	380.40	402.60	−1.10	...
Series Equity	481.00	509.10	−1.40	...
Series Prop Fd	389.70	412.40	+0.10	...
Series Fixed Int	304.20	322.00	−2.00	...
Series Money Fd	238.50	252.40	+0.20	...
Series Overs Fd	281.70	298.10	−0.40	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.09	17.99	+0.02	...
Bear	17.58	18.51	−0.32	...
Owl	17.27	18.18	−0.41	...
Bull	15.51	16.33	−0.34	...
Stag	16.51	17.38	−0.10	...
Gilt Edged	17.35	17.35	−0.14	...
Deposit	15.08	15.08	+0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	22.66	23.86	+0.01	...
Bear	23.22	24.45	−0.54	...
Owl	22.67	23.87	−0.62	...
Bull	19.26	20.28	−0.49	...
Stag	19.81	20.86	−0.15	...
Gilt Edged	21.17	21.17	−0.17	...
Deposit	19.03	19.03	...	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	502.48	502.49	−4.24	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	302.38	318.30	−2.65	...
N Amer Equity	258.74	272.36	−9.07	...
Far East Equity	346.72	364.97	−1.88	...
Fixed	271.21	285.49	−2.40	...
Cash Deposit	193.83	204.04	+0.15	...
Property	102.73	108.14	+0.53	...
Special Opp	337.02	354.76	+14.98	...
Managed	263.52	277.39	−3.18	...
Index-Linked Fd	183.10	192.74	−0.69	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	248.80	261.90	−0.30	...
-do- Acc	437.90	461.00	−0.30	...
Equity Fd Inc	153.80	161.90	−1.80	...
-do- Acc	194.40	204.70	−2.30	...
Selective Fd	431.70	454.50	−3.00	...
Money Fd	355.00	373.70	+0.30	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	341.80	359.80	−0.30	...
Equity Ser 4	191.60	201.70	−1.70	...
Man Ser 4	580.60	611.20	−4.00	...
Conv Ser 4	311.40	327.90	+0.20	...
Money Ser 4	311.10	327.50	+0.20	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	318.30	335.00	−2.00	...
American Ser 4	445.10	468.60	−4.90	...
High Inc Ser 4	581.90	612.60	−5.90	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	195.30	205.60	−1.20	...
Japan Ser 4	343.00	361.10	+14.30	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1377.2	1449.6	−16.80	...
European Fd Acc	295.00	310.50	−3.10	...
Fixed Int Acc	479.80	505.00	−5.70	...
Gtd Money Acc	317.30	333.90	+0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	510.00	536.80	−1.90	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	309.10	325.40	−2.20	...
Japan Fund	270.90	285.10	+12.30	...
N American Acc	285.70	300.70	−3.30	...
Prop Fd Acc	365.80	385.00	−1.30	...
Multiple Inv Acc	915.00	963.10	−7.70	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	353.90	372.60	+0.30	...
Equity Acc	1205.9	1269.4	−3.30	...
Property Acc	467.70	492.40	+0.60	...
Far East Acc	249.30	262.50	+6.70	...
Managed Capital	472.10	497.00	−0.70	...
-do- Acc	931.30	980.40	−3.30	...
Overseas Acc	820.70	863.90	−3.20	...
Gilt Edged Acc	429.00	451.60	−5.30	...
Amer Equity Acc	668.40	703.60	−6.70	...
Amer Man Acc	288.90	304.20	−1.70	...
Amer Prop Acc	110.80	116.70	−1.70	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	134.90	141.90	−1.20	...
Balced Ser 5	609.10	641.10	−3.10	...
Opportunity Ser 5	132.70	139.60	−2.00	...
UK Equities Ser 5	833.90	877.70	−6.50	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	879.30	925.50	−10.40	...
North Amer Ser 5	395.60	416.40	−2.50	...
Far East Ser 5	472.30	497.00	+14.00	...
Europe Ser 5	293.10	308.50	−1.60	...
Intnl Ser 5	479.40	504.60	+0.60	...
Property Ser 5	461.60	485.80	−7.80	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	303.50	319.40	−3.20	...
Ind-Lnkd Ser 5	171.00	179.90	−0.90	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	280.90	295.60	+0.10	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	726.20	764.50	−6.80	...
-do- Initial	507.10	533.80	−6.40	...
Gilt Edged Acc	355.50	374.30	−3.70	...
-do- Initial	250.50	263.70	−3.40	...
International Acc	343.10	361.20	+1.70	...
-do- Initial	240.10	252.80	+0.40	...
Managed Acc	454.50	478.50	−2.40	...
-do- Initial	318.70	335.50	−2.70	...
Money Acc	276.40	291.00	...	...
Property Acc	251.50	264.80	+0.10	...
-do- Initial	175.30	184.60	...	...
America Acc	256.50	270.00	−1.20	...
Australia Acc	173.30	182.50	−5.00	...
Financial Acc	265.00	279.00	−5.10	...
500 Accum	389.40	409.90	+0.90	...
Japan Genl Acc	341.30	359.30	+15.70	...
Income Acc	453.30	477.20	−3.50	...
Leisure Acc	191.60	201.70	−1.30	...
Special Sits Acc	195.70	206.00	−2.60	...
Univ Tech Acc	126.70	133.40	−0.10	...

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BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	692.92	692.92	−9.41	...
Income Fund	659.21	693.91	−11.78	...
Extra Income	604.93	636.77	−8.87	...
Worldwide Gth	421.11	443.28	−6.59	...
Balanced Fund	575.39	605.57	−12.36	...
Smllr Cos Recov	600.42	632.03	−8.67	...
N Amer & Genrl	329.15	346.48	−6.58	...
Pacific Basin	338.69	356.52	−4.86	...
German Growth	187.82	197.71	−5.82	...
Japan Growth	154.68	162.83	+0.06	...
The UK Gth Fd	182.34	191.94	−3.81	...
Contl Euro Gth	102.30	107.58	−2.19	...
Property Fund	338.91	356.75	+0.17	...
Fixed Interest	284.33	299.30	−2.95	...
Cash Fund	269.27	283.45	+0.17	...
Managed Inv	424.05	446.37	−6.25	...
Nth Amer Recov	217.42	228.87	−0.39	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	385.15	405.43	−7.65	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 868000				
Measured Perf	136.40	144.30	−1.50	...
Performance Plus	132.80	140.50	−1.60	...
With Profit Perf	159.40	168.70	+0.30	...
UK Opportunity	155.10	164.10	−1.90	...
Euro Opportunity	168.90	178.70	−1.60	...
North Amer Opp	127.90	135.30	−3.30	...
Far East Opp	149.90	158.60	−1.10	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	152.90	161.00	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	149.80	158.50	+0.20	...
Fixed Int	164.70	174.30	−0.60	...
Cash	148.50	157.10	+0.10	...
Overseas	150.80	159.60	−2.30	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£238.60	...	...	...
Managed	287.00	302.20	−0.90	...
Property	193.80	204.00	+0.10	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	215.30	226.70	−2.90	...
Index-Linked	177.60	187.00	−1.90	...
Equity	315.50	332.10	−0.80	...
Cash	207.80	218.80	+0.20	...
CLife Euro Mgd	304.70	320.80	−4.80	...
CLife Intl Fd	321.40	338.30	−0.60	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£110.40	...	−1.30	...
Property Units	£25.12	...	...	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£56.98	£60.30	−0.12	...
2nd Equity Acc	560.00	592.60	−5.60	...
2nd High Inc Ac	534.30	565.40	−2.50	...
2nd Property Acc	230.70	244.10	...	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	164.50	174.00	−1.60	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	406.60	430.30	−0.80	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	195.80	207.20	+0.10	...
2nd Deposit Acc	267.30	282.90	+0.10	...
2nd Gilt Acc	268.60	284.20	−3.30	...
2nd Amer Acc	544.80	576.50	−4.20	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	244.00	258.20	−2.90	...
2nd Index Acc	179.90	190.40	−1.80	...
2nd Far East Acc	384.20	406.60	+7.80	...
2nd Global Acc	150.90	159.70	+0.90	...
2nd Euro Acc	132.30	140.00	+1.00	...
2nd Japan Acc	203.40	215.20	+6.30	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.10	72.10	...	...
2nd Int Cu Bd Acc	148.30	156.80	−2.00	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	110.20	116.60	−1.20	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	177.50	186.90	−1.70	...
Managed Fund	524.60	552.30	−14.50	...
Equity Fund	296.10	311.70	−10.70	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	246.30	259.30	−0.90	...
Ruby	138.80	146.20	+1.20	...
Emerald	131.90	138.90	−0.80	...
Equity	283.60	298.60	−4.60	...
Property	174.60	183.80	...	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	188.10	198.10	−1.60	...
Indexed Secs	155.10	163.30	−1.00	...
Cash	177.50	186.90	+0.20	...
Nth American	186.50	196.40	−2.90	...
Far East	243.50	256.40	+2.40	...
International	195.50	205.80	+1.30	...
Special Sits	270.50	284.80	+6.40	...
Intl Income	250.00	263.20	−2.30	...
American Inc	163.70	172.40	−1.40	...
European	243.20	256.10	−0.50	...
Japanese	140.40	147.80	+5.10	...
SE Asia	263.60	277.50	−0.40	...
With Profits Reg	146.30	154.00	+0.20	...
-do- Spec	146.30	154.00	+0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	267.40	281.50	−1.50	...
Equity	319.20	336.00	−5.40	...
Property	169.10	178.00	−0.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	224.10	235.90	−2.30	...
Index Linked	163.00	171.60	−1.10	...
Cash	231.60	243.80	+0.30	...
Nth American	227.80	239.80	−4.00	...
Far East Acc	283.70	298.70	+9.80	...
International Acc	243.20	256.00	+2.40	...
Special Sits	386.90	407.30	+1.50	...
European Flex	322.70	339.70	−0.50	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Units)-Rev	£204.31	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	£280.88	...	...	...
-do- Cash	194.83	205.19	+0.12	...
-do- Equity	462.76	487.12	−0.95	...
-do- Fxd Int	337.15	354.89	−2.55	...
-do- Managed	337.78	355.56	−0.88	...
-do- Property	241.76	254.48	+2.75	...
(Pens) Cash Cap	204.96	215.76	...	...
-do- Cash Inv	283.49	298.42	...	...
-do- Equity Cap	1262.3	1328.8	...	...
-do- Equity Inv	1746.0	1837.9	...	...

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-do- Fixed Cap	369.18	388.62	...	...
-do- Fixed Inv	510.64	537.52	...	...
-do- Index Cap	200.23	210.78	...	...
-do- Index Inv	276.95	291.54	...	...
Mngd Cap	513.80	540.85	...	...
Mngd Inv	710.66	748.08	...	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	£586.87	...	−12.96	...
Var Ann (5)	392.15	...	−1.41	...
Prime: Managed	345.10	363.30	−3.30	...
Prime: UK Equity	412.20	433.90	−7.80	...
Prime: Int Equity	257.60	271.20	−1.70	...
Prime: Property	194.60	204.90	+0.10	...
Prime: Fxd Int	221.30	233.00	−1.40	...
Prime: Index-Lnk	159.10	167.50	−1.50	...
Prime: Cash	195.00	205.30	+0.20	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744344				
Managed Fund	993.70	1046.0	−1.30	...
Equity Fund	1409.0	1483.1	−16.10	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	514.60	541.60	−8.30	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	336.80	354.50	−1.90	...
Life Equity Acc	703.00	740.00	−13.30	...
Life Money Acc	287.50	302.60	+0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	641.70	675.40	−4.30	...
Life Intl Acc	446.40	469.80	−2.20	...
Life High Inc Acc	672.40	707.70	−9.30	...
Life Property Acc	204.70	215.40	−6.30	...
Crown Brit Inv A	997.50	1095.1	...	...
Brewin Equity	609.70	641.70	−6.90	...
DBS Managed	233.30	245.50	−3.40	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	166.30	175.10	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	215.30	226.70	−1.10	...
-do- Series 2	137.90	145.20	−0.70	...
Adventurous Fd	178.90	188.40	+1.10	...
-do- Series 2	134.10	141.20	+0.90	...
Performance Fd	217.00	228.50	−0.10	...
-do- Series 2	140.10	147.50	...	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	135.80	143.00	−0.90	...
UK Equity Fund	138.70	146.10	−1.30	...
Property Fund	102.60	108.10	...	...
Envrnmntl Opps	138.30	145.60	−1.70	...
Euro Fund	139.00	146.40	−1.00	...
North Amer Fd	166.40	175.20	−1.70	...
Oriental Ops	148.60	156.50	−0.90	...
Japanese Fund	119.30	125.60	+4.60	...
Bri & West Life	112.90	118.90	+0.10	...
Bri & West Pen	124.50	131.10	+0.10	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	242.10	250.90	−3.20	3.65
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	263.90	277.80	−2.50	...
UK Equity	351.90	370.50	−4.90	...
Stewardship	307.70	323.90	−0.10	...
Overseas Equity	238.00	248.50	−1.00	...
North American	126.40	133.10	−1.10	...
Pacific Basin	129.30	136.20	+2.80	...
European	164.70	173.40	−0.20	...
Property	186.70	196.60	−2.00	...
Fixed Interest	204.40	215.20	−2.50	...
Index Linked	153.30	161.40	−1.20	...
Cash	189.40	199.40	+0.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567				
GT Plan Far East	295.80	311.40	+4.70	...
GT Plan Wwide	413.20	435.00	+4.00	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	178.90	188.20	−1.00	...
Unitised Profit	120.70	127.00	−0.30	...
UK Equity	242.50	255.10	−3.00	...
Fixed Int	176.30	185.50	−2.60	...
Index-Linked	153.60	161.60	−1.40	...
Cash Deposit	166.40	175.00	+0.10	...
Property	161.80	170.30	+2.00	...
International	160.10	168.40	−0.60	...
American	140.80	148.10	−1.00	...
Japan	236.20	249.60	+11.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	226.50	238.30	+8.60	...
European	152.90	160.80	−0.70	...
Pacific Fund	208.60	219.40	−1.30	...
Conv Life	129.10	135.80	−0.60	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	626.90	626.90	−0.30	...
-do- Inv A	626.80	659.80	−0.40	...
UK Equity	362.60	381.70	−1.30	...
Gilt Plus	192.60	202.90	−2.50	...
Managed	273.30	287.80	−0.10	...
Inter Man	246.70	259.80	+1.20	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	632.80	666.80	−9.60	...
Money Fund	300.90	316.70	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	559.20	599.20	...	...
Fixed Interest	259.00	272.90	...	...
Property Fund	332.10	349.90	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	470.10	495.40	−5.10	...
Income	646.50	681.20	−4.90	...
International Gth	511.20	538.70	−3.90	...
Capital Fund	561.50	591.70	+3.80	...
Recovery Fund	527.10	555.40	−2.80	...
Japan & General	251.10	264.60	+3.00	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	641.30	666.00	+3.10	...
Managed Initial	404.30	425.60	−5.20	...
-do- Acc	556.20	585.50	−6.80	...

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Equity Initial	596.70	628.10	−6.90	...
-do- Acc	820.80	864.00	−9.20	...
Fixed Int Initial	397.90	418.90	−6.20	...
-do- Acc	547.40	576.20	−8.30	...
Intl Initial	397.30	418.20	−3.60	...
-do- Acc	546.50	575.30	−4.80	...
Nth Amer Initial	163.10	171.70	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	204.20	214.90	+2.10	...
Pacific Initial	214.70	225.90	+4.30	...
-do- Acc	266.20	280.20	+5.50	...
Property Initial	149.90	157.80	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	206.20	217.10	+0.60	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	151.60	159.60	−1.90	...
-do- Acc	189.80	199.80	−2.30	...
Deposit Initial	192.90	203.10	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	265.40	279.40	+0.20	...
Euro Initial	81.20	85.40	−0.30	...
-do- Acc	93.90	98.80	−0.30	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	142.80	150.30	−2.50	...
-do- Pens	168.60	177.40	−3.70	...
UK Equity	140.10	147.40	−2.60	...
-do- Pens	152.80	160.80	−3.60	...
International	125.90	132.50	−2.00	...
-do- Pens	135.10	142.20	−2.60	...
Deposit	133.50	140.50	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	154.90	163.00	+0.10	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	343.00	364.90	−4.20	...
North America	298.00	317.10	−10.40	...
Far East Fund	497.30	529.10	+9.20	...
Global Managed	395.90	421.20	−3.90	...
Deposit Fund	218.00	229.50	+0.20	...
Prime Residential	125.20	131.80	...	...
European Fund	213.50	227.20	−0.50	...
Fixed Interest	68.90	73.30	−0.40	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	451.90	478.30	−2.70	...
British Fund	453.90	480.40	−4.80	...
International	445.00	470.90	−0.90	...
Dollar Fund	319.50	338.10	−4.90	...
Capital Fund	409.10	433.00	−3.60	...
Income Fund	611.00	646.60	−3.60	...
Property Series A	381.80	404.10	+1.10	...
Property Units	618.30	649.30	+2.00	...
Financial Fund	466.40	493.60	−3.20	...
Managed Ser A	473.10	500.70	−3.80	...
-do- C	272.60	288.50	−2.40	...
Managed Units	844.60	889.10	−6.70	...
High Yield Fund	567.70	600.80	−1.60	...
Money Series A	273.30	289.30	+0.30	...
Money Units	360.00	379.00	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	539.20	570.60	−4.80	...
Fixed Interest	340.50	360.40	−6.00	...
Indexed Secs	168.70	178.60	−1.90	...
European Fund	604.90	640.20	−3.90	...
Natural Res	241.30	255.40	+7.20	...
Far East Fund	537.30	568.60	+16.10	...
Smaller Cos	406.50	430.20	+1.40	...
Special Sits	395.80	418.90	+5.50	...
Man Currency	249.50	264.10	+0.20	...
Japanese Tech	245.30	259.60	+12.20	...
US Smaller Cos	181.50	192.10	−2.30	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	477.50	502.60	−9.90	...
Global Property	255.60	269.00	...	...
Global Fixed Int	462.40	486.70	−5.40	...
Global Equity	507.00	533.70	−13.00	...
Global Cash	202.40	213.00	+0.30	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	442.50	465.80	−2.10	...
Property	410.50	432.10	+0.10	...
Managed	367.00	386.30	−1.80	...
American	347.60	365.90	−4.70	...
UK Equity Fd	399.80	420.80	−5.20	...
Japan	201.40	212.00	+9.10	...
Index-Lkd	175.10	184.30	−1.00	...
High Yield	745.00	784.20	−4.20	...
Growth Cap	399.00	420.00	−2.50	...
Money	382.30	402.40	+0.60	...
International	335.50	353.20	+3.00	...
Henderson Active	189.00	198.90	−1.40	...
Perpetual Active	274.20	288.60	−2.30	...
Growth Cap	399.00	420.00	−2.50	...
-do- Acc	570.70	600.70	−1.90	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	134.90	142.10	...	...
-do- Acc	176.90	186.30	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Init	125.80	132.50	−0.80	...
-do- Acc	148.50	156.40	−1.00	...
Cash Initial	166.90	175.70	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	273.20	287.60	+0.30	...
Equity Initial	580.40	611.00	−8.10	...
-do- Acc	950.20	1000.3	−13.20	...
Fixed Initial	334.50	352.20	−3.00	...
-do- Acc	547.60	576.50	−5.00	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	130.50	137.40	−0.90	...
-do- Acc	182.30	191.90	−1.20	...
Intl Initial	302.40	318.40	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	487.40	513.10	+1.20	...
Managed Initial	426.20	448.70	−3.50	...
-do- Acc	697.80	734.60	−5.70	...
Property Initial	185.40	195.20	+2.30	...
-do- Acc	303.60	319.60	+3.80	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5800				
Managed Fund	312.80	329.30	−2.20	...
UK Equity	521.70	549.20	−7.10	...
Property	273.90	288.40	+1.20	...
Money Market	240.20	252.90	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	289.30	304.60	−2.10	...
Japan	379.00	399.00	+12.60	...
North America	144.40	152.00	−1.00	...
International	260.70	274.50	+1.10	...

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European	231.40	243.60	−2.30	...
Far East	114.40	120.50	+1.30	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£790.20	...	−15.50	...
Fixed Interest	£367.50	...	−4.70	...
Property	£340.50	...	+0.60	...
Deposit	£276.40	...	+0.40	...
Mixed	£516.10	...	−6.50	...
Indexed Stock	£198.00	...	−1.00	...
International	£248.40	...	−0.40	...
Equity A	£183.80	...	−3.60	...
Fixed Int A	£163.50	...	−2.10	...
Property A	£150.10	...	+0.30	...
Deposit A	£162.90	...	+0.30	...
Mixed A	£170.10	...	−2.10	...
Index Stock A	£155.40	...	−0.80	...
International A	£155.60	...	−0.50	...
Equity P	£635.70	...	−16.20	...
Fixed Int P	£472.30	...	−5.50	...
Property P	£272.30	...	+0.50	...
Deposit P	£319.80	...	+0.40	...
Mixed P	£463.70	...	−7.60	...
Index Stock P	£226.70	...	−1.20	...
International P	£279.70	...	−1.30	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap	£517.60	...	−4.40	...
-do- Acc	£806.20	...	−6.20	...
Property Cap	£157.00	...	−0.10	...
-do- Acc	£237.40	...	+0.50	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£191.20	...	−2.20	...
-do- Acc	£289.30	...	−3.20	...
Equity Cap	£293.90	...	−6.20	...
-do- Acc	£449.40	...	−9.10	...
Internatl Cap	£214.70	...	−2.70	...
-do- Acc	£325.30	...	−3.90	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£170.50	...	−0.10	...
-do- Acc	£259.70	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£322.30	...	−5.20	...
-do- Acc	£491.80	...	−7.60	...
Moneymaker Fd	£388.50	...	−6.20	...
Capital Growth	£1424.6	...	−26.70	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	363.50	381.70	−4.60	...
Amer Rec Bond	409.80	430.40	−10.40	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	193.90	203.70	−3.30	...
Australasia Bd	172.70	181.50	+4.00	...
Commodity Bond	231.40	243.10	+4.30	...
Deposit Bond Acc	344.00	361.30	+0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	1226.1	1287.5	−10.40	...
European Bd Acc	290.10	304.70	−3.50	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	615.60	646.50	−4.60	...
Far East Bd Acc	257.70	270.80	+8.00	...
Gilt Bond Acc	394.70	414.60	−5.30	...
Gold Bond Acc	113.80	119.60	+11.60	...
High Yield Bond	306.80	322.30	−2.50	4.31
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	197.20	207.10	−1.20	...
International Bd	628.90	660.40	+5.60	...
Japan Bond Acc	258.50	271.50	+8.90	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	232.40	244.10	+4.60	...
Managed Bonds	735.30	772.10	−1.60	...
Prop Bond Acc	296.90	311.90	+0.30	...
Rec Bond Acc	639.10	671.30	−3.50	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	206.70	217.60	−3.20	...
UK Equity Acc	275.80	290.40	−3.90	...
Special Sits	84.80	89.30	−0.10	...
Special Sits Acc	113.10	119.10	−0.10	...
North American	168.20	177.10	−1.80	...
N American Acc	224.40	236.30	−2.20	...
Pacific Basin	319.00	335.80	+7.60	...
Pacific Basin Acc	425.50	447.90	+10.50	...
Fixed Interest	274.60	289.10	−2.80	...
Fixed Interest Acc	366.80	386.20	−3.40	...
Property	151.70	159.70	−0.70	...
Property Acc	202.70	213.40	−0.60	...
Deposit	151.10	159.10	+0.20	...
Deposit Acc	202.30	213.00	+0.30	...
Managed	234.40	246.80	−2.40	...
Managed Acc	288.30	303.50	−2.80	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	613.30	645.60	−3.00	...
Property Fund	473.80	498.70	+0.50	...
Equity Fund	756.60	796.40	−9.40	...
Gilt Edged Fd	551.30	580.20	−4.20	...
Deposit Fund	313.60	330.10	+0.30	...
Investment Fd	319.40	335.40	−4.00	...
International	494.20	520.20	+4.40	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA Admin: 0272 266366 Prices: 081 789 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	390.40	410.90	−2.00	...
Equity Bond	298.90	314.60	−9.00	...
Money Mrkt Bd	496.90	523.00	+4.40	...
Deposit Fund	359.30	378.20	+0.40	...
Managed Fund	411.50	433.10	−1.60	...
Intl Equity	483.00	508.40	−0.20	...
Intl Managed	456.80	480.80	−2.30	...
North American	188.00	197.80	−1.70	...
Far East	367.30	386.60	+5.30	...
Intl Currency	256.00	269.40	−0.70	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	128.40	135.10	−1.80	...
Fixed Interest	485.20	510.70	−4.90	...
Managed	613.60	645.80	−8.40	...
Deposit	321.20	338.10	+0.40	...
Property	349.00	367.30	−6.70	...
American	370.60	390.10	−8.60	...
Australian	420.30	442.40	−9.10	...
European	442.80	466.10	−3.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	243.00	255.70	−1.00	...
Global Managed	124.40	130.90	−1.70	...
Income Acc	683.20	719.10	+3.70	...
-do- Dist	434.30	457.10	−5.90	3.18
International	276.20	290.70	−0.10	...

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Japan Smaller	451.70	475.40	−2.00	...
Singapore & Mal	263.30	277.10	+4.70	...
Smaller Cos	338.00	355.70	−9.50	...
Tokyo Fund	638.10	671.60	−10.60	...
UK Equity	532.90	560.90	−9.50	...
CCM Vangd Mg	643.10	676.90	−10.10	...
Equity Pens Cap	859.50	904.70	−16.00	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	414.20	436.00	−6.30	...
UK Equity	513.40	540.50	−13.40	...
Overseas Equity	412.10	433.80	+1.50	...
Americas	359.10	378.10	−8.80	...
Far East	459.70	483.90	+12.80	...
Property	192.90	203.10	−1.00	...
Fixed Interest	333.20	350.80	−3.80	...
Indexed Gilt	213.30	224.60	−1.30	...
Deposit	205.10	215.90	+0.10	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1204.8	1268.2	−8.00	...
Eqty Fund	2635.2	2773.9	−31.00	...
Property Fd	437.10	460.10	+1.30	...
Fixed Int Fd	543.40	572.00	−8.90	...
Deposit Fund	328.10	345.40	+0.30	...
Intl Fund	202.90	213.60	+1.00	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	139.30	146.70	+0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	265.30	279.30	+0.30	...
Inv Equity	1038.0	1092.7	−16.60	...
Inv Managed	722.60	760.70	−8.10	...
Ret Managed	790.90	832.60	−6.80	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	685.70	729.50	−2.00	...
Cash Fund	320.60	337.90	+0.20	...
Property Fund	217.60	231.50	...	...
Equity Fund	773.50	822.90	−3.40	...
Fxd Interest Fund	418.10	440.60	−3.50	...
International	347.40	369.60	−0.30	...
High Income	624.70	664.60	−0.90	...
Far East	466.60	496.40	−6.40	...
North American	444.60	473.00	−8.00	...
Special Sits	559.40	595.20	−3.40	...
Technology	419.70	446.50	−4.10	...
Extra Income Fd	331.30	352.50	−2.80	...
Gilt Fund	442.70	471.00	−4.50	...
European	125.10	133.10	−1.30	...
Adventurous Mg	175.70	185.00	−0.90	...
Secure Mgd	128.90	137.20	−0.90	...
Equity Inc Dist	108.90	115.90	−0.80	5.07
North American	102.40	109.00	−0.50	5.79
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	262.50	276.00	−4.20	...
Fxd Interest Acc	219.40	231.50	−2.10	...
International Acc	223.00	235.30	−0.80	...
Managed Acc	191.90	202.40	−1.90	...
Property Acc	221.10	233.30	−0.10	...
Money Acc	145.90	154.00	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	185.20	195.40	−2.90	...
Japan Equity Acc	119.80	126.40	+6.00	...
N Amer Acc	142.00	149.80	−2.20	...
Pacific Acc	136.70	144.30	−2.00	...
European Acc	123.30	130.10	+0.60	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LF 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	406.10	427.50	−2.90	...
Managed Initial	288.40	303.60	−2.30	...
Equity Ord	608.20	640.20	−9.30	...
Equity Init	432.00	454.70	−6.90	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	191.80	201.90	−0.80	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	142.30	149.80	−0.70	...
Ovsea Equity Ord	321.60	338.50	+2.20	...
Ovsea Equity Init	228.50	240.50	+1.40	...
Property Ord	224.20	236.00	+0.60	...
Property Init	159.20	167.60	+0.30	...
Fixed Int Ord	255.70	269.20	−2.10	...
Fixed Int Init	181.60	191.20	−1.50	...
Deposit Ord	195.70	206.00	+0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.00	146.30	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	295.60	308.00	−1.90	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	654.60	689.10	−4.70	...
Equity Fund	1281.0	1348.5	−18.90	...
Intl Fund	504.90	531.50	+2.90	...
Fixed Interest	530.40	558.40	−3.60	...
Property Fund	376.60	396.50	...	...
Cash Fund	347.60	365.90	+0.20	...
Pacific Basin	278.70	293.40	+7.80	...
N American Fd	200.00	210.60	−4.10	...
Euro Fund	215.10	226.50	−1.10	...
Balanced Fund	132.10	139.10	−0.90	...
Strategic Fund	136.10	143.30	−0.10	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	£637.90	...	...	...
-do- Acc	411.30	432.90	...	...
Op Prop	412.50	434.30	...	...
Op Equity	872.70	918.70	−6.10	...
Op High Yield	516.70	543.90	−6.00	...
Op Managed	715.00	753.60	−3.70	...
Op Deposit	373.60	393.30	+0.40	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	279.70	294.50	−1.90	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	223.40	235.20	+0.20	...

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Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Sits	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	224.40	236.30	−0.90	...
Gilt	77.50	81.60	−0.70	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	320.40	337.30	−4.60	...
Global Bond	110.50	116.40	−1.90	...
Global (35.34)	151.10	159.10	−2.00	...
Gold Share	61.40	64.70	+7.50	...
High Income	259.30	273.00	−1.50	...
Income	389.70	410.30	−5.30	...
Japan	401.80	423.00	−21.60	...
UK Smlr Cos	275.70	290.30	+2.10	...
Mngd Growth	398.40	419.40	−3.50	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	846.50	895.70	−7.30	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	338.90	356.70	−3.00	...
Equity Fund	472.80	497.30	−6.50	...
Property Fund	251.80	265.00	+5.00	...
International	393.90	414.60	+11.50	...
Pacific Basin	232.80	245.00	+4.60	...
United States	208.00	218.90	−1.60	...
Gilt Fund	324.50	341.50	−2.90	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	652.60	690.60	−5.10	...
Deposit Fund (2)	348.80	369.20	+0.40	...
Gilt Fund	466.20	493.40	−4.60	...
Global Equity Fd	197.70	209.30	+0.30	...
Property Fund (46)	89.40	94.70	...	...
AG Bond Fund	136.90	144.90	−1.80	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	495.10	521.20	+0.80	...
Fixed Interest	329.60	347.00	−2.50	...
Index-Linked	182.20	191.80	−1.40	...
International	381.50	401.60	+6.70	...
Property	239.40	252.00	...	...
Cash	218.90	230.50	...	...
Managed	393.50	414.30	+1.80	...
Cap Gteed Bd	97.70	102.90	−0.90	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	171.77	180.81	+0.14	...
Index-Linked	148.90	156.70	−1.50	...
Fixed Interest	165.90	174.60	−2.00	...
Mixed	218.80	230.30	+0.40	...
UK Equity	212.40	223.60	−0.50	...
International	218.50	229.90	+1.80	...
American	223.40	235.20	−0.60	...
Japan	235.80	247.90	+9.70	...
European	204.20	214.90	−0.20	...
Pacific	301.20	317.10	+5.30	...
Technology	282.70	297.50	+2.30	...
Currency/Currncy	212.70	223.90	−2.10	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	173.30	182.50	−0.10	...
UK Equity	313.60	330.20	−3.50	...
American	218.60	230.20	−0.20	...
Pacific	296.30	311.90	+9.30	...
European	393.20	414.00	−4.30	...
International	265.10	279.10	+1.40	...
Fixed Interest	223.20	235.00	−2.00	...
Index Linked	185.90	195.80	−2.10	...
Deposit	183.50	193.20	+0.10	...
Managed	249.70	262.90	−1.10	...
Worldwide	106.20	111.90	...	...
Pen Worldwide	110.30	116.20	+0.10	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1437.8	1482.3	...	...
Safety Fund	211.30	222.50	−2.50	...
Growth Fund	201.00	211.60	−0.60	...
Opportunity Fd	199.20	209.70	−1.10	...
Cash Fund	165.70	174.50	+0.10	...
European Fund	288.80	304.00	−0.20	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	178.30	187.70	−2.70	...
Index-Linked Fd	169.90	178.90	−2.00	...
International Fd	245.50	258.50	+2.40	...
North American	211.00	222.20	+0.80	...
Property Fund	114.40	120.50	−0.10	...
UK Equity	214.10	225.40	−1.70	...
UK Smaller	193.90	204.20	+3.90	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	232.20	244.50	−1.50	...
Equity	244.40	257.40	−4.00	...
International	241.80	254.60	+2.20	...
Property	192.30	202.50	−1.50	...
Fixed Interest	205.80	216.80	−1.90	...
Index Linked	169.10	178.10	−1.30	...
Cash	178.40	187.90	+0.10	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	835.00	838.00	...	...
Inv Pol 2	762.00	802.20	...	...
Inv Pol 3	734.20	772.90	...	...
Inv Cash	296.30	312.00	...	...
Mixed Fund	398.40	419.60	−7.30	...
Equity Fund	471.40	496.30	−3.60	...
Property Fund	203.50	214.30	+0.20	...
International Fd	408.60	430.20	−4.80	...
Fixed Interest Fd	337.30	355.10	−4.30	...
Indexed Stock Fd	185.80	195.70	−1.50	...
Cash Fund	215.90	227.40	+0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	321.40	338.30	−3.50	...
Equity Acc	370.30	389.70	−5.30	...
International Acc	297.90	313.50	−2.00	...
Property	207.90	218.80	−3.00	...
Royal Trust Mg	208.10	219.00	−4.30	...

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STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	255.60	269.10	+0.30	...
Equity	872.40	918.40	−10.50	...
European	137.60	144.90	−0.60	...
Far East	145.40	153.10	+3.20	...
Fixed Interest	361.00	380.00	−4.90	...
Index Linked	193.70	203.90	−1.40	...
International	524.50	552.20	+3.40	...
Managed	609.30	641.40	−4.20	...
Nth American	131.90	138.90	−1.10	...
Property	305.90	322.00	+0.50	...
Pensions				
Cash	391.40	412.00	+0.40	...
Equity	1226.2	1290.8	−14.80	...
European	160.50	169.00	−0.80	...
Far East	112.70	118.70	+3.30	...
Fixed Interest	479.30	504.50	−6.40	...
Index Linked	267.90	282.10	−1.80	...
International	720.90	758.90	−7.10	...
Managed	833.90	877.80	−5.20	...
Nth American	162.30	170.90	−1.30	...
Property	386.20	406.60	+0.70	...
Stock Exchange	188.20	198.20	−1.30	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	560.70	590.30	−5.00	...
Equity Fund	753.80	793.50	−9.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	384.00	404.30	−3.70	...
Index-Linked Fd	286.30	301.40	−2.00	...
Property Fund	410.10	431.70	+1.00	...
International Fd	532.80	560.90	−3.00	...
N American Fd	196.60	207.00	−3.30	...
Far East Fund	184.50	194.30	+2.70	...
Deposit Fund	279.40	294.20	+0.30	...
International Bd	£70.28	...	−1.85	...
Worldwide Bond	150.80	158.80	−2.70	...
Worldwide Fincl	78.50	82.70	...	...
Worldwide Tech	93.30	98.30	+0.10	...
European	132.60	139.60	−0.60	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	551.80	581.00	−7.20	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	430.00	459.70	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£468.30	...	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	£439.60	...	+1.10	...
Agricultural Fd	£754.90	...	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	£725.30	...	+0.70	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£376.90	...	+0.60	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£400.40	...	+0.70	...
Investment Fd	£296.30	...	−2.50	...
Investment (A)	£285.00	...	−2.50	...
Equity	£1088.2	...	−12.30	...
Equity Acc	£1045.7	...	−12.00	...
Money Fund	£442.30	...	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	£424.30	...	+0.50	...
Actuarial Fd	£507.80	...	−4.20	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£358.10	...	−3.30	...
-do- Acc	£358.10	...	−3.20	...
Retire Annuity	£976.60	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	£290.00	...	+6.00	...
Bldg Soc Life	£214.40	...	+0.20	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£1243.5	...	+1.80	...
Managed Acc	£736.10	...	...	...
Equity Account	£1341.5	...	+8.90	...
Mngd Fund Acc	341.60	359.50	...	...
Equity Fund Acc	459.30	483.50	−4.10	...
Prop Fund Acc	221.70	233.40	+0.20	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	280.40	295.20	−3.20	...
Money Fund Acc	210.30	221.40	+0.40	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	196.50	206.80	−1.90	...
Pers Pens Acct	£1606.9	...	−8.00	...
Pens Mngd Acct	747.20	786.50	−3.90	...
Pens Guarantee	220.00	231.60	+0.40	...
Pens Equity	285.50	300.50	−0.80	...
Pens Property	229.20	241.20	+0.30	...
Pens Fixed Int	251.60	264.80	−0.40	...
Pens Intl	205.50	216.30	−3.80	...
Pens Money	221.10	232.70	+0.20	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	184.90	194.10	−0.70	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	769.10	809.60	−5.20	...
Property Acc	278.10	292.80	−0.10	...
Equity Acc	1262.8	1329.3	−10.10	...
Fixed Int Acc	354.00	372.70	−6.00	...
Index-Linked Acc	190.80	200.90	−2.10	...
Cash Acc	293.40	308.90	+0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	316.70	333.00	−5.40	...
Japan Acc	288.10	303.30	+2.80	...
Pacific Acc	275.50	290.00	−1.50	...
Far Eastern Acc	658.10	692.80	−1.80	...
International Acc	475.90	501.00	−2.80	...
Distribution Fund	273.20	287.60	−0.40	6.52
European	150.10	158.10	...	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
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TSB American	176.90	186.30	−2.80	...
TSB Brit Gwth	716.60	754.40	+0.80	...
TSB European	231.20	243.40	−2.10	...
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TSB Pacific	326.40	343.60	+7.60	...
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When greed overcomes sense



COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Roll up, roll up! A car to be won every day for 60 days! Or how would you like £3,600 off your mortgage payments, a holiday of a lifetime or a hi-fi system? Hundreds of "fabulous" prizes are being offered to millions of savers and borrowers.

The competitions from Abbey National and Nationwide Building Society are brash and reminiscent of the magnificent offers from time-share companies. Although there is no suggestion that the better prizes will not materialise, it is the basic greed of the customer that is being appealed to rather than their good sense.

In the case of the Abbey, the brochure for the Instant Saver pyramid competition details all the prizes, down to the fact that the paintwork on the first 30 cars is flame red and the others are British racing green. But while it says the account has six levels of high interest, it neglects to tell new or existing savers that the super-duper Instant Saver account is now paying 0.38 per cent net on sums up to £500. Above that, the rate rises to 3.23 per cent net.

Nationwide, when it offers up to £300 a month off its mortgage payments to four customers a year who take out its buildings and contents insurance policy, does not mention the soaring costs of such building society policies. When it comes to hype, Abbey does not fall down, though. There are prizes to be won at each of the six savings levels "so the more money you can save, the greater the prize you can win".

Those who manage to add £200 to their savings will receive a book of discount vouchers to be used in a range of so-called selected retailers, including Carpetland, Sparkrite, Best Western and General George.

The bank defends its promotion, saying that the cost of the prizes is a mere £900,000 and that would make little difference to the savings rates it could offer. While it conceded that the interest paid on sums up to £500 were small, the next tier was "competitive" with building societies. However, above that, building societies were offering better rates on instant access accounts.

That may be little consolation to the savers who keep their £25,000 in the account hoping to win a holiday to the enchanting East, the tropical paradise of Mauritius or the golden triangle of San Francisco, Las Vegas and Los Angeles and fail to get pulled out of the draw. Then they may look more closely at the rates on offer in accounts elsewhere.

Last year, when interest rates were much higher, the bank gave away only one car. A young boy won it. He probably did not have much in the way of savings. As those with £1 in their accounts have an equal chance to win the car, perhaps savers ought to leave that much behind if they decide they can get a better return elsewhere.

Miserly Manx

Cheques for up to £5,000 are belatedly making their way to 576 investors in the Isle of Man's Savings and Investment Bank, 11 years after the bank collapsed taking with it the £40 million savings of more than 5,000 investors.

The 1,600 surviving depositors, most of whom are still awaiting their compensation cheques, should be considering going back to the Manx government to demand more compensation.

Such small sums of money that are now being sent out are almost an insult, and certainly not sufficient compensation for 11 years of stress endured by those who lost their life savings and then found there was no redress.

Consideration should be given to compensating them out of the scheme set up on the Isle of Man two years ago, under which depositors could receive 75 per cent of the first £20,000 invested. This would increase the payouts of many Savings and Investment Bank depositors to £15,000.

It is ironic that the scheme was set up partly as a result of the bank's collapse but that the very depositors whose losses forced the government into action will not benefit. Instead, the scheme, set up in February 1991, has paid £11 million to depositors with the Bank of Credit and Commerce International after it collapsed in July 1991.

The collapse of BCCI on the Isle of Man was not the Manx government's fault but a failure of international banking supervision.

The failure of the Savings and Investment Bank, by contrast, was very much the Manx government's fault, with Treasury officials ignoring signs that the bank was insolvent and actually planning "funny money" deals themselves on the side.

It is not enough for the Manx government to say it is now more tightly regulated. It must earn the international credibility it seeks by properly compensating those who have suffered at its predecessor's hands.

Equality could damage pensioners' income

Employers may reduce benefits while bringing retirement ages into line, writes **Sara McConnell**

ERIC BEAUMONT



PENSION benefits for millions of employees in company schemes are likely to worsen, according to pensions lawyers and actuaries. They are worried this will happen if an opinion, published in Luxembourg this week, is accepted by the European Court later this year.

The opinion, delivered by the advocate general of the European Court, was intended to clarify the implications of a ruling in the Barber judgment on May 17, 1990, that pensions were part of pay and that male and female employees in company schemes should receive equal benefits. However, if the court agrees with the advocate general, companies will be able to reduce benefits for all their employees in future, as long as the resulting reduction is equal. The advocate general's opinion said: "Community law does not prevent new scheme rules, adapted to the principle of equal treatment, which relate to periods of service in the future, from reducing pension benefits, so long as these benefits are set at a level which is the same for men and women."

Pensions experts believe many companies will be tempted to reduce benefits for everyone, by raising the retirement age for all employees to 65. Many of the companies that still pay women a full pension at 60, but make men wait until 65, are small companies. They will have to improve benefits for men, backdated to May 1990, and might want to recoup this cost by reducing benefits for all employees in future. Those that have moved to an equal retirement age since the Barber judgment have tended to opt for a joint age of 65.

Companies have been waiting for the past three years for a further ruling on whether the Barber judgment applied retrospectively to pensions earned through service before the date of the judgment. In the advocate general's opinion, only pensions earned since the judgment had to be equal. The European Court, which has the final say in the matter, is expected to agree with his opinion.

Companies that have been awaiting the outcome of the ruling before equalising retirement ages for men and women have now been told they will have to improve the benefits of the "disadvantaged sex" earned since May 1990, bringing them up to the level of the "advantaged sex". Men in schemes with unequal retirement ages are normally disadvantaged because they have to work five years longer before receiving a full pension.

Noble Lowndes, the actuary, suggests that bringing all employees' benefits up to their most generous level could, collectively, cost employers £2 billion a year. Changing scheme rules after the judgment this summer would "almost eliminate" this cost, Richard Malone, Noble Lowndes' European policy director, said. Chris Long, director, client services, said women hoping to retire at 60 were likely to be the losers, as their employers would be able to refuse to pay full pensions until the age of 65. Those who still want to retire at 60, typically, find their pension cut 30 per cent. He said: "Legally, it is a matter of what powers schemes have."

In some cases, trustees may decide to wind up a scheme and transfer all employees to one offering reduced benefits. It is rare that the trust deed governing a scheme requires trustees to ask members' permission before doing this, although they do have to inform them, Mr Long said. Alternatively, companies could keep an existing scheme offering unequal benefits and introduce another alongside it, paying equal but reduced benefits. But any pension earned in this scheme is likely to have to be frozen, as employers would not be allowed legally to continue accepting contributions into a scheme with unequal benefits. Sean Hand, pensions partner at Dibb Lupton Broomhead, solicitors, said scheme members should ask to see a copy of the "power of amendment".

> 'It is not much help if we have a fuss about equality then the first thing they do is reduce everyone's benefits'

Lorraine Fletcher, pensions adviser at the Equal Opportunities Commission (OEC), said: "It is a very serious development if the court goes along with this opinion. It is not much help if we have a great big fuss about equality and then the first thing they do is reduce everyone's benefits." Now that companies are no longer faced with a bill estimated at £50 billion to equalise pensions paid or earned before the Barber judgment, they should be using some of the savings to allow men to retire on a full pension at 60, Ms Fletcher said.

The opinion refers only to employers being legally allowed to reduce benefits for everyone in respect of future service. However, some companies that have already raised the retirement age for women to 65 have said the new retirement age also applies to past service.

Sixty female employees at Avdel Systems who found themselves in this position are challenging the right of their employer to change their rights in this way. The case is to be heard in the European Court. The EOC, which is backing the case, hopes Avdel will have to offer the women improved benefits, at least for service since the Barber judgment, even though the company has already equalised pension ages at 65.

Hopes of better deals are dashed

EMPLOYEES holding out for a better deal from their company pension scheme had their hopes dashed this week when they heard that their employers would not be obliged to equalise pension benefits earned before May 1990 (Sara McConnell writes).

The advocate general to the European Court gave the opinion, based on four test cases heard in January, that companies need only pay equal pensions to men and women backdated to the date of the Barber judgment, in May 1990.

One of the cases was that of David Neath, who was made redundant at the age of 54, in June 1990, by Hugh Steeper, of Leeds. The company scheme had a retirement age of 65 for men and 60 for women. Mr Neath was offered a deferred pension, which he would not be allowed to take until he was 65. The transfer payment would have been about £11,000 lower than if he had been a woman retiring at 60. Mr Neath will lose his claim to equal pension rights with females, if the opinion is adopted.

He has also lost his claim for a right to an equal transfer value. Until now, transfer values have been calculated assuming that women live longer than men and retire earlier. They normally receive higher transfer values because their pensions have to last longer. After the final court judgment, companies will not be allowed to calculate the transfer values of men and women differently. This is likely to cut women's transfer values up to 20 per cent, but will not be retrospective so will not benefit Mr Neath.

Seven former employees of Coloroll, the furnishings business that collapsed in June 1990, will also see no improvement in their benefits because they were earned before May 1990. The five schemes affected by the forthcoming ruling will be wound up and pensions will continue to be paid.

Raids on funds and early retirement eat into surpluses

THE ease with which pension fund surpluses are eaten up was demonstrated this week with the news that BT's £1.7 billion excess has all but disappeared. By the end of March, the surplus was down to £119 million (Lindsay Cook writes).

Most of the money is still in the fund but is no longer surplus to requirements because of the large number of employees who have been persuaded to retire early. Actuaries, therefore, have to set aside very large sums to cover 30 or more years of potential pensions for thousands of people.

In addition, the company has had a holiday from making contributions for three years. Pensions in payment have increased and life expectancy, particularly of men, has also risen.

Unlike many pension funds, BT's is revalued every year, so the rapid decline in the surplus has been detected. Under pension law, schemes only have to revalue every three years.

British Coal pension fund members are worried that hundreds of millions of pounds of their scheme's surplus will go to fund job losses as pits are closed. Most other funds have seen surpluses depleted by early retirements. These cost the pension scheme instead of the company having to find a lump sum to pay for redundancy. In BT's case, staff aged 45 or more could take a pension immediately.

In higher profile cases involving other schemes, individuals can have an adverse affect on the money available for others in a fund. This week, Guinness revealed that Sir Anthony Tennant had received a large salary increase in his last year of employment to enable him to receive a pension of almost £500,000 a year. Because Sir Anthony joined the company before June 1989, his pension contributions were not capped. Employees who have changed jobs since then can only get tax relief on contributions to a pension on salaries of up to £75,000.

Sir Ralph Halpern's pension was also uncapped, and when he resigned from Burton two years ago, his pension was £456,000 a year.

It is not unusual for senior executives to have a salary boost in their final year of employment to allow the final salary pension scheme to pay them a great deal more every year of their retirement. This can be very expensive for the pension fund.

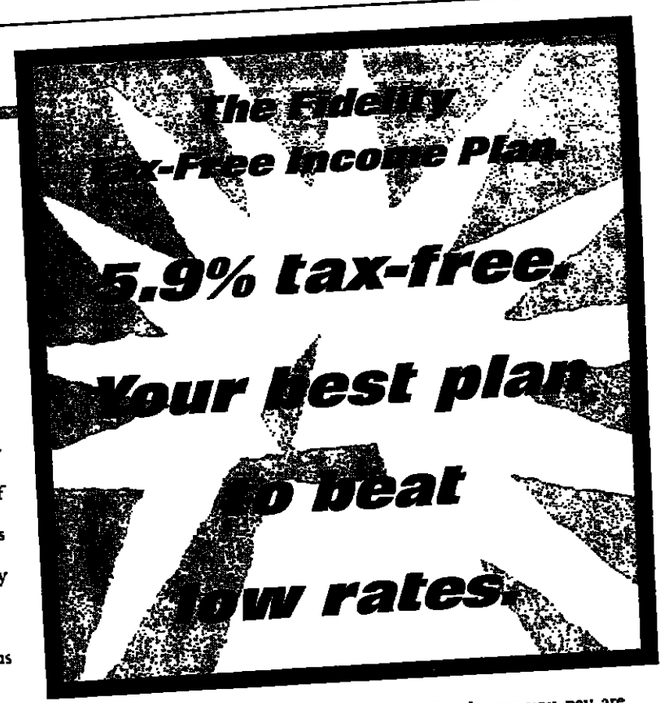
Companies can also raid pension schemes quite legitimately. Last month, Courtaulds announced it was to take £50 million of the pension fund's £189 million surplus into its own coffers. Another £47 million was used to improve benefits. When surpluses are liberated in this way, the Inland Revenue also takes a share. In Courtaulds' case, this was £33 million.

Lucas made use of £375 million of a £600 million surplus earlier. It set aside £90 million to help its profits in the six months to January 1992, and paid £60 million in tax and improved benefits. The trustees in this case agreed to change the scheme rules, which had banned the company from access to the fund. The High Court will decide this summer whether scheme members have the right to stop such raids on pension surpluses.

Many companies have decided to take pension holidays to help their cashflow. Few have given the same rights to their members.

Even more worrying are the growing number of pensioners who complain to the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service that the money deducted from their salaries for their pension has not been paid over.

Members are unlikely to find out for a long time, especially if there are no staff, union or pensioner representatives among the trustees. Too often, the misappropriation happens when a company is trying to stay afloat. Should it fail, the scheme members suffer a double blow: they lose their jobs and a large chunk of their pension.



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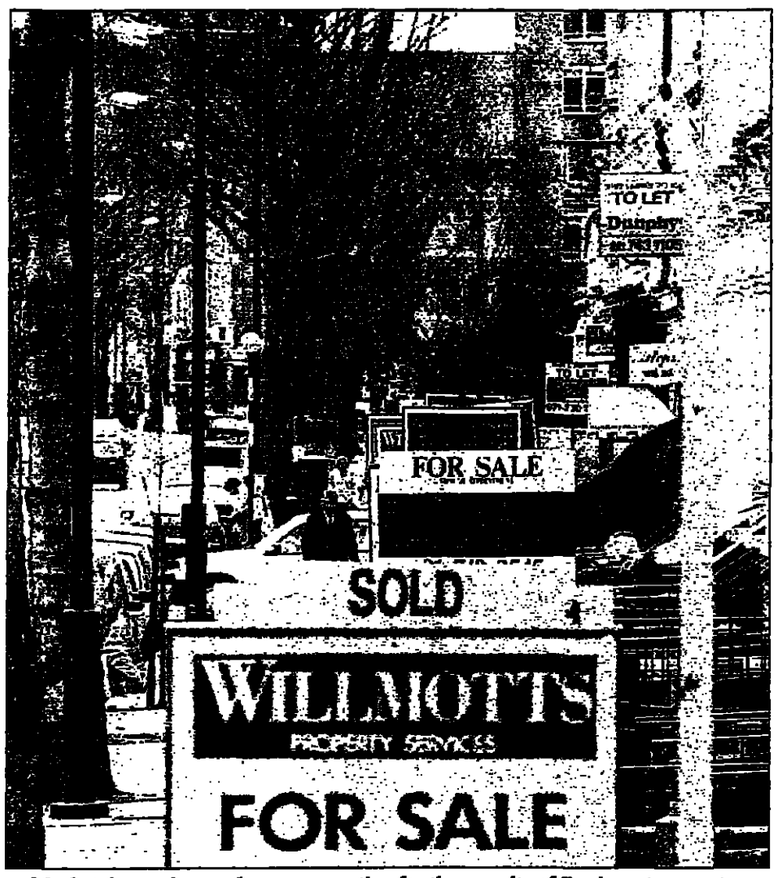
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Lenders pass on higher cost of fixed rates



Market demand: more buyers are opting for the security of fixed mortgage rates

Alicia Wyllie and **Sara McConnell** report that borrowers' choice of mortgage may be restricted as wholesale money prices rise

BORROWERS are being offered more expensive fixed rates this week as lenders pass on the higher costs of buying fixed-rate money in a rising wholesale money market. Some could find it difficult to find a fixed rate at all.

The May issue of *Mortgage Finance Gazette*, the specialist magazine, gives a warning that some building societies could, for the first time, be close to reaching the limits on how much fixed-rate business they should be doing.

The Northern Rock building society says fixed-rate business now accounts for about 60 per cent of new lending, compared with 10 per cent in December. Alan Cornick, new loans manager, said: "Last year, the society offered discounts on its variable rate and, as a result, we have more money available for fixed-rate products this year than some other societies." Northern Rock is offering 6.6 per cent for two years, 7.2 per cent for three years and 7.65 per cent for four years.

There is no statutory limit on the amount of fixed-rate lending societies can do, although they can obtain only 40 per cent of their mortgage funding, including fixed-rate funding, from the wholesale markets. The rest comes from savers' deposits.

Fixed-rate loans have never before accounted for so high a proportion of societies' mortgage books. Even last year, fixed-rate mortgages accounted for only 5 to 10 per cent of applications. Building societies normally limit their fixed-rate mortgage business to no more than 25 per cent of the mortgage book, mainly because fixed rates reduce their ability to manipulate margins.

However, between December 1992 and March this year, the Alliance & Leicester, Leeds Permanent, Bradford & Bingley, National & Provincial, Britannia and Bristol & West have all increased their fixed-rate lending.

National & Provincial's new rates, introduced this week and fixed at between one and five years, are, on average, half a percentage point higher than those the society withdrew last Saturday, "as a result of upward movements in the money markets". It has a new three-year fixed rate for first-time buyers of 7.49 per cent (an annual percentage rate of 8.5 per cent). There is an arrangement fee of £150.

John Goodfellow, chief executive of Skipton Building Society, believes it is unlikely that any society has yet reached its limit on fixed-rate lending.

"However, if demand for fixed-rate products continues at high levels, it is possible that some societies may wish to restrict the availability of funds for this type of mortgage," he said.

The Building Societies Commission said: "Societies may engage in fixed-rate lending if that is what the market demands. We will expect them to have a sensible mix of products on their mortgage book." If societies have to restrict the availability of fixed-rate loans, it could give the banks an advantage. They can borrow as much as they choose from the wholesale markets.

Midland's new five-year fixed rate is 8.49 per cent (8.6 per cent APR), half a percentage point higher than the rate withdrawn this week. It still offers a one-year fixed rate at 5.99 per cent (APR 8.1 per cent) but no longer has its two-year fix of 6.99 per cent (APR 8.2 per cent). NatWest also has a five-year fixed rate of 8.49 per cent (APR 8.5 per cent) as well as a ten-year rate of 8.99 per cent (APR 9 per cent). Its three-year rate is 7.49 per cent (APR 8.2 per cent).

Bank holiday bonanza for cheque thieves

By Liz Dolan

THE theft of a batch of cheques last weekend from a branch of the Yorkshire Building Society underlines the need to guard against the fraudulent use of building society cheques.

Bank Holiday weekends provide thieves with extra opportunities to cash in on their crimes because it is impossible to check the validity of cheques when branches are closed.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders said: "Our advice is never to release the goods until the cheque has cleared, however tempting the offer. For some reason, people who know that bank cheques must be accompanied by a cheque card do not realise that a similar level of security is necessary for building society cheques."

Vendors should have their suspicions aroused if the buyer is willing to pay the offer price, rather than negotiate.

The Yorkshire advises people who are offered one of its cheques to accompany the buyer to one of its branches whenever possible. "We don't operate an overdraft system, so any cheque drawn at a branch is obviously going to be valid," it said. "There is a common belief that building society cheques are as good as cash, but this is only true if a member of the public knows that a cheque has been issued by a branch of the society." If a trip to a branch is impossible, the cheque should not be accepted until its validity has been confirmed by telephone.

"If it isn't a branch that has an on-line checking system, a call to head office quoting the serial number of the cheque will tell you whether it is on our list of stolen cheques," the Yorkshire said. The telephone number of the society's head office is 0274 740740.

The cheques stolen from the Yorkshire are drawn on National Westminster, Market Street, Bradford, with serial numbers 040637 to 041000. None has yet been passed.

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Leave gold to the professionals

BY MARGARET DIBBEN

THE gold market was buzzing this week as George Soros and Sir James Goldsmith declared their interest. Over the past few months, the prices of gold shares and gold unit trusts have soared, but the advice to small investors is: avoid temptation.

Ted Arnold, gold analyst with Merrill Lynch, said: "This is a game that is going on — it is purely for professionals. Goldsmith and Soros play their positions first and tell the world about it later."

In 1980, the price of gold bullion hit almost $900 an ounce, but it has been downhill ever since, despite rampant inflation and several wars. In March, the metal was at a seven-year low of $326 an ounce. Now, it has bounced up to $351.50, but Andy Smith, gold analyst at UBS, said: "This is just a paper rally. It started with shares and moved on to futures. Most of my instincts say watch out, although in the very short term it is likely to continue." Even investors who are worried that inflation will rise should avoid investing in gold because these days they can hedge with less dangerous investments, such as futures and options or index-linked gilts and National Savings certificates. Gold was used as a hedge against inflation and political uncertainty in the days when foreign exchange controls prevented UK residents from moving their money abroad.



Goldsmith: game plan

The price of gold, like all commodities, is driven by the pressures of supply and demand. Deposits of gold are limited — only 110,000 metric tonnes have ever been produced — and about 1,750 tonnes are mined each year. But there are about 35,000 tonnes sitting in central bank vaults that are now being sold as governments demand a return on their money. Gold bars pay no dividends.

There are other ways of investing in gold, but all are risky. Investors can buy shares in mining companies, although Mr Smith said: "South African shares are already up 70 per cent since November and gold shares in Canada are up 50 per cent because shares usually run ahead of a rise in the gold price itself.

"Options used to be quite a cheap way into the market, but since prices have moved, options are about twice as expensive."

For investors who are determined to buy gold, unit trusts are a better choice. Richard Royds, managing director of Mercury Fund Managers, which has a gold fund, said: "The major moves into gold by the large investors have only been in the past few weeks and there is a view that the long-term prospects of gold are more encouraging than they have been for quite some time." But he said: "There are tremendous risks involved in investing in gold. People must understand that this is very much a specialist investment sector because gold is affected by many things."

That leaves gold coins and gold jewellery. Of the former, Mr Smith said: "Buying coins is following primaeval instincts, rather than investing wisely."

The gold bullion coin minted in the UK for investment is the Britannia which has a face value of £100 and weighs exactly one ounce. Currently, they cost about £237 plus value-added tax.

Gold jewellery loses value as soon as it is bought. To make a profit, the gold price must rise by more than the retailer's mark-up and the cost of workmanship, packaging and marketing. Once people have bought the jewellery, they have to start worrying about burglars.

Photograph option aims to beat card fraudsters

BY SARA MCCONNELL

ONE million customers of The Royal Bank of Scotland will be able to opt for plastic cards with photographs by September. They join 300,000 National & Provincial Visa card customers, who will be offered photocards from Tuesday.

Both issuers expect photocards to cut card fraud dramatically. Banks and building societies are keen to curb the cost of card fraud, which reached £165 million last year.

During an 18-month pilot scheme involving 31,550 customers at 39 branches, Royal Bank found that only £494 was lost through fraud with photocards, compared with the £45,000 it would expect to lose on conventional cards. Only three photocards were used fraudulently, while there were 19 fraudulent transactions using photocards over the 18 months. A total of 360 photocards were lost or stolen.

ALAN WELLER



In the picture: Nicola Rogers, left, uses her photocard to pay cashier Keren Ripp

The photocard option was available during the pilot on the bank's gold and silver Highline cards. The gold Highline card guarantees cheques up to £250 and acts as a Switch debit card and cashpoint card. The silver card is also a three-in-one card, which guarantees cheques up to £100. All holders of gold and silver Highline cards will be able to opt for the photocard from the middle of this month. Holders of blue Highline cards, guaranteeing cheques up to £50, will be able to have photocards in September. The bank is also considering offering credit cards with photographs.

Photocards cost three times as much to make as ordinary cards, Alex Barr, the Royal Bank's manager for card services development, said, because a special plastic was used to allow the photograph and customer's signature to be laser-etched into the card. However, the extra cost will not be passed on to cardholders, Norman McLuskie, managing director of operations division, said. "We believe that the savings in reduced fraud should adequately cover the increased production costs"

National & Provincial also hopes savings on fraud will help it meet the higher cost of etching photographs and signatures on to its Visa cards.

TSB is carrying out a pilot scheme in Brighton, involving 6,000 customers, to test the effectiveness of photocards. It expects to have results in July, but said it had already received positive responses from retailers and cardholders.

Not everyone believes photocards are the answer, however. The Association for Payment Clearing Services (Apacs) sees photocards only as a "partial, interim deterrent". As more banks started putting photographs on cards, they would become less effective, it said, and fraudsters would find other ways of using cards undetected.

Apacs also fears that photographs on cards could be counter-productive if retailers became more relaxed about scrutinising them at the point of sale. The photograph was on the cards as an additional check, Mr Barr said.

NatWest cuts miles on promotion

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

NATIONAL Westminster Bank credit card customers will have to spend twice as much from July to earn Air Miles. The bank announced this week that cardholders will have to spend £20 for each Air Mile instead of £10.

The promotion will continue until October next year. Collectors will have until the year after to book flights or holidays with discounts and must make the journeys before December 18, 1995. The reprieve for the scheme will be a relief to many Air Miles savers who are well on their way to a flight and were worried by the bank's previous decision at the end of last year, to extend the scheme for only six months. At that time, NatWest said it would tell customers in April whether the scheme would continue.

It would have been costly in the short term for the bank to have discontinued the promotion, which started in January 1989.

There would have been a rush of people claiming flights, instead of the steady flow of 2,500 flying out each weekend, courtesy of their credit card. More than one million holders of NatWest Access, Visa and gold Mastercards are saving miles. The number allocated when they pay for items using their cards can be increased if the retailer is part of the scheme, or if there is a bonus being offered.

The most popular destination is Paris, which requires £4,500 to be spent on the card. Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt and Bonn are not far behind.

Sydney requires 20,000 miles. That equates to a £200,000 spending spree, although with the current Shrink the World promotion, it can be as low as £178,000. From July, new savers will have to spend £400,000 to get the free ticket to Sydney.

Air Miles can be used for free British Airways flights, hotels or a EuroDisney package. They can also be used for discounts on P&O European Ferries, Hertz Car Rental and a wide range of package holidays.

David Powell, director of personal financial services, said: "Over 25,000 of the 1.1 million NatWest customers registered have booked free travel using their NatWest Air Miles points in the four years we have participated in the scheme."

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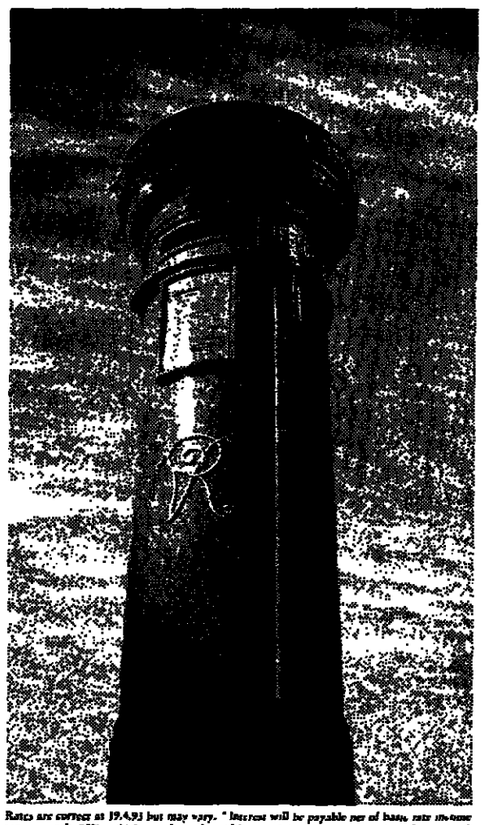
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All shareholders should have right to equal dividend

From the Reverend V.D. Wakeford

Sir, I am a small shareholder in BAT but in the higher tax bracket. In 1991 I sold 800 shares, leaving me with a balance of 200 shares.

If I opt to sell the new shares arising from the enhanced share alternative scheme, the dividend payable will be about £64. If I take no action and opt for the lower dividend rate, I shall receive about £55.

I have decided to forgo the £9 involved between these two figures and consider doing so worthwhile as it saves me the trouble of completing a form, notifying my accountant and paying for the extra work in which he will be involved and also paying a small amount of capital gains tax.

Not unnaturally I consider the super scrip dividend ploy to be immoral as it creates a body of first-class shareholders who give in to the pressures of BAT and second-class shareholders who do not.

All shareholders should have a right to an equal dividend.

Yours faithfully,
V. D. WAKEFORD,
Flat 5,
Grantley Court,
London Road,
Tunbridge Wells,
Kent.

Tax form in a tangle

From Mr Gordon Connelly

Sir, 1993-4 income tax returns are now filtering through from clients for completion on their behalf.

We have read recently in the press that the new form of income tax return is a simplification to make it easy for the layman to complete it accurately in order that his income tax liability, if any, may be assessed by the Inland Revenue authorities.

Having now completed five of these returns, my conclusion is that they are considerably more complicated than their predecessors.

There are more questions, considerably extra detail is required, and there are additional pages — twelve instead of eight — and the size has increased from a height of 8.25 inches to 11.5 inches.

Apart from the substantial increase and waste of natural resources, namely trees, citizens receiving these forms will be more confused than previously.

I suppose I should be grateful to the Treasury for increasing my potential number of clients in this way as more people than ever will be driven into the tender mercies of members of my profession but I am sure that is not the object of the operation.

If the objective of the Conservative party is to simplify taxation, it is high time that it took notice of the views of the specialists, namely members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON CONNELLY,
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Cold Ash,
Newbury,
Berkshire.



Outrage over minimum deposits in National Savings accounts

From Mrs Ann Alderson

Sir, I am writing to endorse Mr Peter Cowtan's letter with regard to the minimum payments into National Savings investment accounts, which appeared in your paper (April 24) the day after I had had a similar experience. I was first incredulous, and then outraged, when I found that the minimum deposit into an investment account is £20 and into an ordinary account is £10.

With interest paid gross, National Savings accounts are particularly suitable for those who do not pay tax, that is, young people and pensioners. By making such high minimum deposits, National Savings are surely excluding the very people that these accounts were originally designed for.

My three sons have both National Savings investment accounts (for birthday and Christmas presents) and ordinary accounts (for pocket money) which, over the last 15 years, have served their purpose most satisfactorily.

Now, with these revised minimum deposits I, like Mr Cowtan, will have to go elsewhere, as it is only on rare occasions that my sons receive presents of £20 or more, and they do not get £10 per month pocket money.

I have always encouraged them to maximise whatever money they have, however small an amount, by putting it into an interest earning account rather than letting it "burn a hole in their pockets".

My local post office told me that they have had many similar complaints.

I only hope that National Savings will listen and take heed of the people they purport to serve before it is too late.

Yours faithfully,
ANN ALDERSON,
Mead Cottage,
Long Walk,
Chalfont St Giles,
Buckinghamshire.

Financial regulation

From Mr Stephen Phillips

Sir, One benefit of the current debate regarding the future of retail financial regulation is that it enables a wide variety of commentators to offer their views. I was interested, therefore, to read Sara McConnell's leader (April 17).

The thrust of Ms McConnell's argument is that individuals should be able to buy products directly from insurers and thus enjoy the benefits of "buying wholesale rather than retail [which] means big savings". Ms McConnell assumes that a life company incurs significantly lower costs by cutting out independent financial advisers. Upon what evidence does she draw this conclusion? Analysis of the products of those companies selling directly to the public produces no evidence of greater economies. Indeed, the opposite appears probable as to obtain the recommendations of IFAs, a company must have competitively priced products.

To remain in business, a life company must recoup not only the costs of commission, but all other costs also. These include overheads such as advertising. Is it not reasonable that a member of the public approaching a company directly should pay more towards advertising overheads than one accepting the advice of an IFA?

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN PHILLIPS,
Marketing manager,
National Mutual Life,
The Priory, Hitchin,
Hertfordshire.

From Mr Howard Mitchell

Sir, The payment of commission to intermediaries by insurance companies and other financial institutions is the subject of frequent adverse comment in your columns.

Has the time not come to begin to move to a fee basis for remunerating intermediaries: the longer-term objective recommended by the director general of Fair Trading in the Lautro report of 1988?

Yours faithfully,
HOWARD MITCHELL,
The Garden House,
Lincome Lane,
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Friendly societies extend powers to provide Peps

By Sara McConnell

FAMILY Assurance friendly society is to offer personal equity plans to its members through Family Equity Plan, a subsidiary, from July 1. It is the first friendly society to have won the approval of its 530,000 members to adopt wider powers after legislation was implemented last year.

Members of the Royal Liver and Homeowners friendly societies will be asked this month to give their societies similar powers. The Friendly Societies Act 1992, which allows them to ask members for wider powers, is the result of years of lobbying by societies. They are presently restricted to selling long-term contracts, mainly life assurance and pensions policies. Investors with friendly society policies are restricted to contributions of £18 a month to be eligible for tax breaks.

Regulations that passed into law last year allow friendly societies to set up subsidiaries, which can offer investments such as unit trusts, investment trusts or personal equity plans, general insurance and insurance broking. Friendly societies can also set up subsidiaries to offer fund management, administrative or actuarial services to other companies or societies.

Family Equity Plan already exists as a Pep management company, owned by its members. It started in 1989 to gauge members' reaction to its Peps, which were linked to the Family Asset Trust, formed at the same time. Now, the company will be acquired by Family Assurance, which will be able to fund the company and market Peps directly to its members and other investors for the first time.

Barry Chambers, Family Assurance's marketing director, said the reason for setting up a Pep company was to expand provision of tax-free saving. The society plans to offer a regular savings Pep to Family bond investors, starting at £7 a month. The society said this was the lowest minimum of any Pep provider. The maximum anyone can put into a Pep in any year is £9,000, £6,000 into a general plan and £3,000 into a single company plan. There will be an annual management charge of 0.5 per cent on the Pep with an additional initial charge of 5 per cent and annual managment charge of 1 per cent on the unit trust.

Other societies are more interested in expanding their powers in other directions. The Royal Liver friendly society, the second largest, will ask its annual meeting on May 12 for the go-ahead to apply for incorporation. The society said: "At the moment, a general branch subsidiary is likely to be a front runner among the options open."

Homeowners Friendly Society's annual meeting is on May 26. It is keen to develop its general insurance business by setting up a subsidiary and selling general insurance to its members. Setting up a company to market Peps, unit trusts and other investments is low on Homeowners' list of priorities. The society is more interested in developing links with other organisations to contract out fund management, administration and computer skills. Members are likely to be asked to give the society blanket powers to set up subsidiaries rather than vote on specific areas of expansion.

The Tunbridge Wells Equitable holds its annual meeting in October so would not be able to incorporate until January next year if its members voted in favour. Peter Gray, chief executive, said: "We will be playing it very cautiously." Tunbridge Wells, like other friendly societies, is keen to stress societies' historical role in encouraging self-help, particularly in areas such as health care and pension provision.

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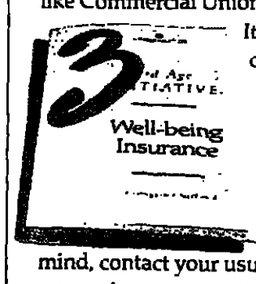
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634	474	HSBC HK	581	-7	19.0	4.1	-
356	243	Hambros	336	+3	13.8	5.1	14.9
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
128	96	King Shaxson	128	+1	5.0	4.9	...
403	312	Kleinwort Ben	393	+8	16.0	5.1	13.6
573	492	Lloyds	527	+8	18.4	4.4	15.1
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	...	3.0	4.4	17.0
432	322	Nat Aust Bk	404½	...	...	5.0	14.0
485	398	Nat West	459	-2½	17.5	4.8	27.9
861	674	Provident	861	+2	28.5	4.1	14.9
47	39	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
274	207	Ryl Bk Scot	264	+4	8.8	4.2	...
1975	1335	Schroders	1855	+2	22.0	1.5	18.5
758	576	Stand Chart	740	+7	20.0	3.4	...
195	145½	TSB	183	+2	6.4	4.4	...
133	78	Union Disc	123	...	...	...	...
674	529	Warburg SG	652	+9	18.0	3.5	19.3
227	185	-do- 6% 'A'	218	+1	...	3.4	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	6700 †	-75	...	1.6	...
163	121	Westpac	151	+1	...	5.0	...
215	188	Wintrust	206	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	547	Allied-Lyons	577	+10	20.0	4.3	13.4
647	529	Bass	543	+8	18.9	4.4	11.8
265	189	Boddington	265	+4	7.3	3.4	15.4
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	408	+3	9.0	2.8	18.8
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	140	...	4.4	4.0	10.2
307	261	Devenish (JA)	300	...	7.8	3.3	16.9
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	92	...	...	4.4	24.3
68½	53½	Fosters Brewing	54	...	...	5.0	7.5
380	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	380	...	...	3.2	15.9
480	399	Grand Met	410	+2	12.3	3.8	13.5
423	388	Greenalls Grp	416	-3	11.7	3.5	13.8
563	505	Greene King	554	...	11.6	2.6	14.4
516	440	Guinness	481 †	+5	...	3.1	17.1
281	230	Hardy Hansn	239	+1	7.9	4.1	13.3
113	108	Heavitree▲	110	...	3.0	3.5	26.4
95	78	-do- 'A' LV▲	95	...	3.0	4.0	22.8
293	255	Highland Distl	292 †	+3	6.0	2.6	19.4
3125	2538	Holt J	3000	...	41.0	1.7	-
56	33	Hoskins Brew	56	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	273	+1	7.0	3.2	-
186	157	Macallan-Glen	162 †	...	0.9	0.7	36.4
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	375	...	8.8	2.9	11.8
740	655	Mansfield	730	...	13.6	2.3	15.9
256	231	Marston Thmp	242	-1	4.9	2.5	14.2
435	412	Matthew Clark	415	-6	15.7	4.7	12.4
300	255	Morydwn W	280	...	...	3.0	18.8
490	455	Morland	480	...	8.4	2.2	19.1
12	6½	Paramount▲	10	...	...	2.1	17.7
950	763	SA Breweries	813	...	...	3.0	-
482½	408	Scot & New	465	+6	16.1	4.3	12.7
223	181	Tamton Cider	213	-3	...	2.8	19.6
242	213	Vaux Group	235	+1	9.3	5.0	16.2
270	225	Wetherspoon JD	270	...	...	2.2	21.8
497½	435	Whitbread 'A'	474	+9	16.9	4.5	13.3
1180	850	-do- 'B'	875	...	16.9	2.4	24.6
613	561	Wolvrhmptn D	570	-1	11.4	2.5	16.0
515	480	Young 'A'	480	...	14.5	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115	...	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton▲	18	+2	...	6.5	10.8
106	87	Allen▲	97 †	+3	3.0	3.9	-
99	65	Amec	7½	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Anglia Sec	195	+4	4.1	2.7	24.2
195	155	Ashtead▲	120	+2	5.0	5.3	17.1
142	108	Atwoods	232	+5	...	4.0	59.0
238	180	BPB Ind	88	...	3.1	4.4	29.6
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	28½	...	0.5	...	...
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	90	...	1.2	1.7	16.3
101	74	Barcom	145	+5	2.0	1.7	16.1
146	94	Barratt Devl	409	...	11.5	3.5	23.7
412	305	Bellway	28	...	...	...	...
32	15	Bellwinch	415	-2	...	1.8	28.6
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	58	...	...	...	2.4
63	45	Ben Bros	48 †	...	1.0	2.6	-
48	36	Blockleys	254 †	+11	11.2	5.5	-
254	189	Blue Circle	280	...	5.9	2.7	-
282	230	Boot (Henry)	89 †	...	4.6	6.5	...
106	78	Breedon PLC	103 †	...	5.2	6.3	22.0
105	82	Br Dredging	73	+3	1.5	2.6	...
74	45	Brit Fitngs	139½	+1½	4.8	4.3	29.8
149	90	Bryant	74	-1	2.3	...	...
75	53	CALA	251	...	...	3.7	15.0
263	205	CRH	33	...	...	...	...
6	22	Cakebread Rby	37	+3	...	...	...
39	23	Costain	130	...	4.1	4.0	34.4
136	90	Countryside	59	...	0.0	...	...
83	38	Crest Nicholson	76	...	...	...	...
76	28	Cussins	1½	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton▲	20½	...	0.5	3.0	...
35	16½	Edmond Hldgs	225	...	6.8	3.9	-
238	178	Erwin	47	...	0.3	0.9	...
48	32	Erith	350	...	...	3.5	12.7
390	252	Eve Group▲	52 †	...	2.0	4.8	24.4
53	34	Evered Bardon	5	...	...	...	...
6½	4½	Explaura▲	1½	...	...	4.7	-
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	40½	-2	4.3	...	16.3
50	38	Galliford	66	...	...	...	...
78	65	Gibbs & Dandy	788	-3	12.7	2.0	12.7
789	605	Gleeson (MJ)	116½	+2	3.2	3.5	-
116½	90	Hewden-Stuart	50	...	2.6	...	49.8
50	29	Hewetson	263	...	12.5	5.9	-
280	166	Heywd Wlm	78	...	3.5	4.1	-
85	27	Higgs & Hill	29	...	1.5	6.6	...
35	27	How Gp	15	...	0.5	3.5	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	67	+2	1.0	1.9	...
67	39	Ibstock Johnsen	21	...	0.5	...	...
22	14½	Jarvis	276	...	9.0	4.1	-
278	190	Laing (J)	66	...	4.5	8.5	24.9
83	55	Ln Clydeside▲	22	...	...	...	10.4
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	305	+1	9.0	3.7	18.7
305	240	Manders	138	+2	4.2	3.8	40.5
136	93	Marley	83	+6	...	7.5	27.8
95	61	Marshalls	143	+2	4.9	4.3	13.1
143	122	Meanders (J)	157	+3	6.5	4.3	32.4
188	40	McAlpine (A)	31	-1½	0.5	6.1	-
35	23	McCarthy & S					
354	272	Meyer Int	345 †	+5	...	3.6	37.0
4	4	Miskin Gp▲	4	...	...	...	...
123	62	Mowlem (J)	123 †	+8	4.0	4.1	...
78	51	NSM	51	-11	...	...	...
53	48	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
153	106	Newman Tnks	152	-1	...	6.6	20.3
286	197	Persimmon	283	+1	8.6	3.8	28.9
26	22	Phoenix Timber	23	...	...	...	...
1625	1462½	Pochins	1462½	...	29.0	2.5	8.9
115	80	Prowting	115	...	3.4	3.7	-
6½	3½	Quiligotti▲	4	...	...	...	...
675	555	RMC Gp	675 †	-34	20.0	3.7	-
117	90	Raine Ind	99	...	8.0	7.6	16.5
36	20	Ransom▲	20	...	...	...	...
499	402	Redland	445 †	+13	25.0	7.0	25.9
75	64	Roskel	68 †	...	4.3	7.9	10.0
269	202	Rugby Group	263	+5	6.4	3.1	-
43	25	Svrfld-Rvc▲	43	+1	...	...	...
104	68	Sharpe & Fisher	104 †	+1	4.0	4.8	-
172	110	Sheffield Insl	169	+3	5.4	4.0	27.3
96	82	Sherriff Hldgs▲	96	...	...	2.6	14.3
95	66	Shorco▲	75 †	...	...	8.7	-
228	205	Smart (J)	205	...	8.5	5.2	9.3
6½	4½	Starmin	5½	...	0.3	7.1	6.3
142	103	Tarmac	135	+2	5.5	5.2	...
194	137	Tay Homes	182	-4	5.8	4.0	11.6
115	63	Taylor Woodrw	104 †	+3	1.0	1.2	...
533	433	Tilbury Dougls	513	...	30.0	8.4	-
25	19	Torex Hire▲	24	...	...	2.1	...
220	168	Travis Perkins	215	+2	8.0	4.8	-
38	30	Try Group	37 †	+1	1.0	3.4	10.5
38	26	Tudor▲	28 †	...	...	1.1	...
68	41	Vibroplant	61	...	3.6	7.4	11.2
42	20	Ward Hldgs	42	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	28	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	436	...	10.7	3.1	-
14	8	Wescol▲	13	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	134	+7	...	4.5	...
12	4½	West Scaffold▲	9	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	451 †	...	8.7	2.4	30.9
204	147	Wilson (C)	204	...	3.9	2.4	-
184	102	Wimpey G	175	+5	5.2	3.8	-
42	25	YRM	39	...	4.0	...	4.5

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	563	+10	...	...	-
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London▲	67	+1	...	6.7	8.1
50	37	African Lakes	44 †	...	2.0	5.7	...
175	125	Amo Sec	166 †	+2	5.3	4.0	-
108	84	BET Ord	104	+4½	...	7.8	15.2
78	41	BNB Res	76	...	4.9	8.1	-
318	258	BPP	288	...	8.0	3.5	15.9
285	250	Barbour Index	250	...	7.2	3.6	18.6
30	15	Boustead	18	...	0.7	5.0	-
236	184	Brit Data Mgt	220	...	...	2.3	18.3
14	11	Broadcastle▲	14	...	...	...	11.2
73	54	Brooks Service	68	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	90	...	2.4	3.3	10.3
173	139½	Capita Group	169	+1	...	1.6	8.8
40	31	Caskel Plc	37	...	0.5	1.7	14.1
53	40	Chiltern Capital	50	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	46	+1	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec	273	+4	...	1.3	30.2
39	18	Comac▲	39	+4	...	5.0	-
19½	6½	Corp Services	17½	...	...	...	...
80	50	Darl	80	...	3.3	5.2	9.1
231	198	Davis Service	224	...	...	4.3	-
104	85	EW Pact▲	97	...	4.3	5.6	11.1
25	11	Gardiner	22½	...	0.6	3.7	15.6
44	20	Gardner (DC)	41	...	...	...	...
246	225½	Hays	235 †	+2	4.6	2.4	23.1
220	175	Hogg Robinsn	193	...	6.3	4.1	14.5
70	55	Holmes Protectn	55	...	...	...	3.6
164	127	Hutch Whamp	164	...	...	2.9	-
£120½	9650	ISS B DKr	9937½	+59½	...	1.1	13.9
637	532	Inchcape	598 †	...	...	2.9	20.2
863	669	Johnson Clean	825	-3	25.7	3.9	-
12	2½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mktg Gp	210	...	2.7	1.6	17.3
1187	893	Manpower	1033	...	...	...	...
44½	40½	Michael Page	41 †	...	1.8	5.5	17.4
279	217	Pennon▲	273	...	...	0.9	69.2
4½	2	Prime People▲	2½	...	...	...	...
142	85	Proudfoot Alex	108	+3	12.0	14.7	-
423	375	RCO	375	-3	12.8	4.6	12.9
118	113	REA	113	...	4.0	4.4	...
89	43	Reed Executive	88	...	...	...	...
156	115	Reliance Sec▲	115	...	...	4.9	11.6
238	197	Rentokil	200	+3	2.3	1.4	24.9
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	265	...	6.2	2.9	17.8
390	343	Salvesen (C)	374	...	7.0	2.3	20.7
35	29	Scon Pickford▲	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
206	164	Securiguard	190	...	9.4	6.2	10.1
6	5	Select App▲	6	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	903	...	14.0	1.8	22.2
352	252	Sherwd Cmp▲	310	...	...	2.9	-
130	92	Stanchley	92	...	3.0	4.1	11.2
355	310	Warner Howrd	310	...	...	2.5	17.5
45	27	Welpac	28	+1	0.6	2.7	...
26	14	Wills Gp	26	+½	...	0.5	35.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	223	Allied Colloids	226	+1	3.9	2.2	18.0
759	613	Amersham	690	...	12.5	2.3	25.6
7	3½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	0.5	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	8937½	-159½	...	7.8	...
269	221	BTP	268	+10	9.3	4.8	19.6
£119	£102½	Bayer DM50	£103½	-100	...	5.5	...
173	134	Blagden	170	...	9.5	7.0	18.3
166	137	Brent Chems	148	...	7.4	6.3	-
530	428	Br Bio-Tech	447	...	...	...	...
28	18	Catrd Gp	23½	...	1.3	7.1	...
153	127	Canning (W)	127 †	-1	7.2	7.3	14.6
608	533½	Courtaulds	557	+3	13.0	2.9	15.1
281	228	Croda	277 †	-1	7.756	3.5	-
146	121	Doefler	131	...	4.6	4.4	10.0
202	175	Ellis & Everard	201	...	7.0	4.4	18.3
28	15½	Euro Colour	22½	...	0.6	3.6	...
291	250	Halstead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3
228	194	Hickson	227 †	+1	8.0	4.4	-
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9512½	-37½	...	4.0	...
216	195	Holliday Chem	214	...	...	2.2	19.7
1290	1068	ICI	1289	+11	55.0	5.3	32.0
688	581	Laporte	632	+3	19.5	3.9	-
223	189	Leigh	189	...	7.8	5.2	15.4
19½	8	MTM	8½	...	...	...	...
1650	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1637½	-9½	...	...	...
420	370	Pascrsn Zoch	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
375	360	-do- 'A'	370	+1	11.4	3.9	16.0
296	254	Plysu	268	...	6.0	2.9	18.1
210	173	Porvair	208	...	3.6	2.2	22.2
13	7	Sutcliffe Speak	10	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	442 †	...	16.0	4.5	17.8
460	395	Wolstnhlme R	445 †	...	17.0	4.8	-
395	368	Yorks Chem	395	+4	...	2.4	21.2
306	240	Yule Catto	297 †	...	5.9	2.5	-

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	92	-1	3.0	4.1	...
87	42	Amber Day	76	...	3.1	5.2	20.5
319	257	Argos Plc	295	-5	...	3.0	20.3
170	69	Ashley (Laura)	99	...	0.1	0.1	-
305	280	Asprey▲	283	...	...	2.1	23.0
245	188	Austin Reed	243	...	5.0	2.6	-
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	...	5.7	5.1	13.5
121	97	Bentalls	111	...	1.9	2.2	-
273	208	Betterware	250	-2	...	0.6	34.4
34	22	Blacks Leis	28	-2	3.3	...	5.8
227	133	Body Shop	205	-3	1.6	1.0	22.7
16	12	Brown & Jacksn	15½	...	...	0.6	-
401	318	Brown (N)	358	...	6.0	2.1	22.2
84	64½	Burton	80	...	...	3.2	...
145	126	Caners	131	...	...	2.3	19.1
355	295	Church	355	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	157 †	...	4.2	3.4	-
247	212	Coats Viyella	238	+1	...	3.8	26.1
106	78	Colourvision▲	86	-1	...	...	14.5
485	374	Courts Furnish	485	...	5.0	1.3	24.3
155	115	Crown Eyes	133	...	...	5.6	6.3
106	89	Dairy Farm Intl	98	-1	...	3.5	-
65	31½	Dewhirst (IJ)	63 †	...	1.0	2.0	-
281	194½	Dixons Grp	216	+2	6.0	3.5	25.4
402	320	Dunhill	402	-13	7.7	2.4	13.9
21	12½	ERA Gp	13	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.2	-
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
235	203	Etam	234	...	6.9	3.8	-
562	499	Fine Art Dev	545	...	11.0	2.5	20.9
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Formninster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
51	24	French Conn▲	50	...	...	...	...
47	21	Gabbici▲	42	-1	2.0	...	8.4
65	43	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
45	23	Goldsmiths Gp	45	...	1.8	...	...
2913	2400	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	23.2
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1660	+10	40.0	3.0	13.2
40	34	Hampden Grp▲	35 †	...	...	3.6	-
277	94	Harstone	95	-5	4.8	6.4	5.8
25½	20	Helene Plc	20½	-½	2.0	12.3	-
42	29	Heritage▲	40	+1	...	...	...
63	35	Honeysuckle▲	63	...	...	2.0	8.9
191	128	Hse of Lerose	191	+3	10.3	6.7	-
93	63	Jacques Vert	92	...	2.0	...	...
604	496	Kingfisher	600	+12	...	2.9	17.0
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	69	...	4.0	7.2	14.3
685	495	Liberty	685	...	7.2	1.4	-
320	265	Lloyds Chem	316	+3	5.5	2.2	12.4
152	120	MFI	136	+7	...	3.4	18.4
360	311	Marks Spencer	349½	+2	7.1	2.6	21.0
500	445	Menzies (John)	498	...	10.0	2.5	16.6
175	135	Moss Bros	172	-1	5.5	4.1	-
174	139½	Next	166	-1	2.5	1.9	-
30	15	Oliver (G)	30	...	...	...	...
250	197	Oriflame Intl	215	...	5.6	14.0	...
63	45	Pentos	55	...	1.5	3.5	-
313	255	QS Hldgs	287	...	5.1	2.3	20.2
36	11	Ratners Group	25	+1	2.4	12.0	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp▲	29½	...	...	...	...
135	120	Rosebys	135	...	4.3	4.0	-
174	157	Sherwood Gp	171 †	...	2.6	1.9	-
108	93	Sears	104	+1	3.5	4.3	-
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	447	+8	13.4	3.7	15.7
14½	4½	Specialeyes▲	9	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	208	+4	5.0	3.0	...
191	153	T & S Stores	154 †	...	5.9	4.8	11.5
133	71	Tie Rack	126	...	...	1.0	20.5
213	160	Time Products	199	-1	7.5	4.7	19.5
100	63	Usher (Frank)▲	90	...	...	6.9	7.1
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
40	35	Wensum▲	37	...	...	6.4	...
117	78	Wickes	115	...	...	...	51.0
100	45	Wkd of Leather▲	50	...	...	2.6	-
192	146	Wyevale▲	192	...	...	...	3.7
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	166	+3	4.5	3.4	16.3
238	223	Acal▲	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
162½	38	Acorn Comp▲	98	+3	...	...	49.7
480	385	Admiral	438	-2	5.4	1.5	18.5
131	104	Alba	129	...	4.7	4.6	16.9
43	19½	Alphameric	40	+1	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	34½	...	0.4	...	...
128	78	App Holo▲	83	...	...	...	...
17	13	Arlen	14	...	...	...	...
53½	35½	Astec	52	...	9.2	4.2	14.6
290	250	Beales Hunter	277	...	...	...	...
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	7½	...	...	...	...
381	319	BICC	356 †	+7	19.2	6.8	24.7
575	455	Blick	484	...	9.2	2.4	18.8
1650	1150	Borland▲	1450	...	...	...	...
319	274	Bowthorpe	311	+1	6.3	2.6	-
449½	376	BT	404½	+1½	14.4	4.4	15.1
9	7½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½	...	0.1	1.7	...
151	110	Burnfield	140	...	5.7	5.1	22.1
760	669	Cable Wireless	693	+13	13.2	2.4	21.4
14½	11½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
251	229	Cml Micro▲	250	...	...	2.4	16.5
100	74	Cooper People	100	...	0.6	0.8	...
151	108½	Cray Elect	143	...	...	0.4	11.7
326	243	Critchley	315	...	...	2.4	22.3
110	86	Dale	104	...	5.1	0.1	10.1
510	414	Delta	507½	+½	14.0	3.4	-
298	305	Denmans El▲	285	...	...	2.7	12.1
620	460	Domino	515	...	7.2	1.7	17.6
65	48	Dowding Mills	55 †	...	2.5	5.7	18.1
1030	805	Dynck▲	1030	...	...	1.1	25.1
411	358	Electrocompnts	394	+1	7.0	2.2	21.3
573	470	El Data Prc	558	...	5.1	1.1	15.3
96	43	Electron House	82	...	2.3	3.6	25.0
23	10½	Emess	23	+1½	0.1	0.5	...
587	442	Eurotherm	574	...	8.0	1.7	26.1
134	108	FKI	134	+2	2.3	2.1	25.9
391	340	Farnell Elect	385	...	8.2	2.0	...
51	33	Feedback▲	51	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	14½	+1	...	...	...
194	101	First Tech	194	+11	...	...	...
221	81	Forward Gp▲	221 †	...	...	1.9	-
21	17	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
328½	264	GEC	316	+4	4.6	3.8	16.7
182	132	Graseby	178	...	10.9	7.7	-
39	39	Hilctare▲	39	...	...	1.6	12.7
125	83	INSTEM▲	125	...	...	1.1	8.9
388	320	Jones Stroud	387	-1	8.0	2.6	16.9
10	8	Kembrey	10	...	0.3	4.7	3.8
321	260	Kenwood App	311	+2	...	...	16.5
181	47	Kewill Sys▲	158	-5	...	...	7.0
203	100	Kode	178	...	5.5	3.9	21.1
50	16	Laser-Scan▲	40	-2	...	...	-
365	122	LBMS▲	333	+14	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	268 †	...	4.0	4.2	...
179	141	Life Sciences	142	...	3.5	3.1	15.4
227	164	Logica	226	...	3.0	2.0	26.7
54	44	LPA Ind▲	46	...	...	9.6	13.0
212	183	Mk Data Mngmt	185	...	4.3	2.9	17.7
673	523	Macro 4	665	-3	...	2.4	22.3
600	527	Menvier-Swa	605	...	...	1.9	19.8
3013	2013	Micro Focus	2050	...	...	...	18.9
227	186	Microgen	198	-1	7.2	4.6	13.5
34½	24	Microvitec▲	27	...	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	477	-1	6.1	1.6	21.8
151	98	Mitel	143	...	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comp▲	109	...	...	4.0	13.8
27	19	Molynx	19	...	...	8.6	1.8
272	202	MTL Ind▲	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
165	134	Muldrone Elect	134	...	3.0	2.8	16.4
149	116	Murray Enter	147	...	1.8	1.6	68.3
6412½	5375	NYNEX	5375	-62½	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	158	...	2.6	2.1	20.4
63	42	Newmark (L)	63 †	...	...	...	...
112	58	Norbain▲	112	+12	...	1.1	16.8
42	20	Northamber	39	+1	0.5	1.6	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
248	195	Oxford Inst	247	...	4.3	2.2	16.6
72	48	P-E Intern'l	62	...	1.0	2.0	...
75	29	P & P	73	...	1.4	2.4	38.8
80	55	Peek	76	...	3.4	5.8	19.2
190	115	Pegasus▲	168	-2	...	4.8	42.6
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp nv	962½	+15	...	...	...
452	343	Plsco	447	...	7.7	2.2	37.9
432	303	-do- 'A' Voting	422	...	7.7	2.3	26.2
96	71	Plasmec▲	71	-4	...	6.8	-
104	76	Pressac	88	...	2.4	3.4	17.8
125	103	Psion▲	116 †	-1	...	2.7	30.8
11	6½	Ptarmigan	10 #	...	...	...	...
224	160	Racal Elect	207	+5	1.5	0.9	24.5
60	45	Radamec	58	...	1.0	3.3	-
70	43	Radius▲	59	...	...	5.7	20.4
92	61	Real Time▲	64	...	...	5.9	5.8
29	18	Riva▲	24	...	...	...	...
659	488	Sage Gp	597	-11	9.0	1.9	19.0
66	49	Scantronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
142	117	Scholes Grp	118	...	5.0	5.3	23.2
330	270	Serna Gp	296	-2	2.8	1.2	23.9
39	26	Silvermines	35	...	...	8.3	...
45	37	Soundtracks▲	44	...	...	6.2	14.8
2437½	1737½	TDK	2312½	+59½	...	1.3	23.1
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	17½	-1	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	143	+4	0.6	0.5	49.9
899	809	THORN EMI	847	-1	30.1	4.4	21.8
111	96	Thorpe FW	105	...	2.5	3.0	10.8
103	75	Total Systems▲	82½	...	2.2	3.4	14.7
429	372	Tunstall	410	...	6.0	1.8	18.4
256	164	Unitech	246	-1	5.8	3.0	43.0
11½	6	Verity▲	9	...	...	...	...
33½	24	Vistec▲	29	-½	...	1.3	24.7
434	367	Vodafone	377	+7	...	1.9	18.5
441	374	Volex	412	...	...	5.2	20.9
22	11	Western Selectn	20	...	...	...	...
253	223	Wholesale Ftgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	450	+1	17.1	4.8	8.7
496	399	Eastern Elect	463	+1	16.7	4.5	11.5
356	304	Hydro-Elect	328	+3	10.1	3.9	11.7
500½	404	London Elect	463	+2	16.8	4.5	8.9
549	458	Manweb	524	+1	18.2	4.4	7.6
514	426½	Midlands Elec	481	+1	17.2	4.5	10.1
549	440	Northern Elec	506	+1	18.5	4.6	7.5
544	439	Norweb	509	+1	17.7	4.3	9.6
337	285	Scottish Power	309	+3	10.1	4.1	11.5
529	436	Seeboard	493	+4	17.2	4.4	8.9
571	469	Sth Wales	540	-2	19.4	4.5	8.6
532	426	Sth Western	494	...	17.4	4.4	8.9
496	406	Southern Elec	463	...	16.6	4.5	9.2
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	514	+2	17.7	4.3	9.5
354½	273	National Powr	325	+2½	9.1	3.5	10.7
353	273	PowerGen	330	+1	...	4.0	10.5

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	53	Aitken Hume	54	...	0.5	...	34.5
75	47	BWD▲	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
90	26	Baltic Plc	84	...	1.0	1.5	-
453	428	Caledonia	432	...	14.4	4.2	16.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	27.0	2.4	11.8
258	243	Candover	243	...	10.2	5.3	17.2
91	71	Flemech▲	87	-3	...	...	8.6
303	155	Goven	277	+2	...	5.4	8.7
146	125	Ivory Sime	145	...	...	5.4	15.2
6½	3½	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Forfaing▲	201	...	8.4	5.4	14.2
57	47	Manakin	57	...	...	...	...
11	3½	Nat Home Loan	10½	...	...	...	...
49	40	Newmarket	48	-1	...	...	...
272	246	Rathbone Brs	270	...	6.0	2.8	16.4
22	17	Rutland Tst	19	-½	0.8	5.3	-
330	260	S & U	260	-4	10.0	5.0	-
67	48	Singer & Fried	61 †	...	2.6	5.3	-
958	786	Sothebys	825	...	...	4.6	...
106	83	SJP Capital	104	...	3.6	3.6	19.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487	Amer Express	1909½	+50	...	3.9	29.3
224	193	Electra	215	-½	6.7	5.6	20.0
973	635	Henderson Ad	910	...	41.0	3.2	-
121	92	Invesco MIM	115	...	3.0	3.0	9.2
218	164	Jardine Strat	197½	-2	6.0	4.0	13.7
194	154	MAI	189	...	11.5	3.2	18.2
469	387	MAM	455	...	20.0	3.2	21.0
785	633	M & G	758	-1	4.5	2.6	8.5
235	115	Smith New Crt	214	...	...	5.1	...
76	55	Trio Hldgs	74	...	...	...	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	482	-1	14.0	3.7	10.8
77½	53	ASDA Group	71	+1½	...	2.8	22.9
225	170	Acatos & Hutch	205	...	6.5	4.0	11.8
76	55	Albert Fisher	64	...	3.7	7.5	10.3
407	330	Argyll	329	+3	9.7	3.7	13.0
25	12	Ashley Group	14	-1½	...	5.0	...
147	125	Assoc Fisheries	137 †	...	8.0	7.3	-
210	160	Banks (S C)	210	...	8.2	4.9	10.5
402	310	Barr (AG)	380	-5	6.5	2.1	19.2
69	57	Bensons Crsp▲	64 †	-1	...	5.6	14.4
135	112½	Berisford Intl	128 #	...	...	...	...
455	363	Booker	378 †	...	...	7.2	13.4
50	35	Borthwick	47	...	1.1	2.9	32.8
488	430	Brake Bros	483	...	...	1.6	20.2
51	38	Budgens	50	...	...	...	17.0
511	444	Cadbury-Schw	461	-1	...	3.6	17.1
89	78	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.9	5.8	16.8
201	178	Cranswick	193	...	...	4.9	14.3
20	8½	Cullens	15½	...	0.5	4.0	8.3
384	168	Dalepak	208	...	6.0	3.6	9.4
491	453	Dalgety	449 †	...	19.5	5.4	13.1
30	27	Daniels S	47 †	...	0.2	0.7	...
134	122	Everest	133	...	...	3.3	18.4
295	269	Farepak▲	292	...	...	2.1	20.7
4	3	Farringford	...	...	...	...	...
90	78	Finlay (James)	82	...	4.1	6.3	15.4
125	78	Fyffes	110	...	...	1.4	18.3
483	370	Geest	435	...	6.1	2.4	-
12	7	Global▲	10 †	...	...	6.5	15.6
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
200	147	Hazlewood Fds	199	+1	6.1	3.8	12.1
171	131	Hillsdown	157 †	...	...	7.0	12.3
750	616	Iceland Frozen	693 †	...	10.0	1.8	20.6
131	111	ILI Group	112	...	4.5	5.0	16.1
853	731	Kwik Save	783	+3	16.0	2.6	14.9
282	205	Low (Wm)	207	+1	8.4	5.1	9.9
58	41	Matthews (B)	50	...	2.2	5.6	32.7
16	12½	Merchant Retail	14½	...	1.1	10.0	34.6
174	151	Morrison (W)	153	-1	...	0.7	19.8
538	443	Nichols (JN)	506	...	13.6	3.3	14.7
290	250	Nthn Foods	257	+3	...	3.8	14.2
22	14	Nrthmbrn Fne▲	16	...	...	...	6.7
229	172	Nurdin Peack	209	+2	6.1	3.7	-
241	205	Park Foods	223	+3	3.2	1.8	26.7
115	83	Perkins Food	109	...	4.4	5.0	-
96½	47	PizzaExpress	74	...	...	0.8	42.5
3½	1½	Regina Hlth▲	3½	...	...	...	...
584	462	Sainsbury J	467	+8	8.7	2.3	17.4
68	33	Senory Farm▲	56	...	...	2.2	13.1
225	170	Sims Food	173	...	11.2	8.1	9.3
439	391	Tate & Lyle	401	+9	12.0	3.7	14.8
273	216½	Tesco	222 †	+4½	7.1	4.0	-
211	162	Thorntons	172	...	3.6	2.7	16.0
183	101	Trent▲	173	...	...	2.6	19.7
375	300	Unigate	363	+5	15.3	5.3	12.9
431	340½	Utd Biscuits	426	+16	...	4.5	22.0
25	21½	Usborne	23	...	0.4	2.2	14.0
357	248	Watson & Phil	305	+1	13.3	5.5	15.9

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Abrdn Stk H▲	16	...	1.5	2.4	-
89	77	City Centre Rest	82 †	+2	7.5	4.9	-
209	170	Forte	192 †	...	5.7	4.4	-
199	155	Friendly Hotels	166	...	...	...	...
9	6½	Harmony Leis▲	8	...	...	6.0	12.1
110	87	Jurys Hotel	103½	+1	...	8.6	21.5
215	158	Ladbroke	163	...	...	4.8	-
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	65	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
59	44	Queens Moat	47 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
99	83	-do- 7¼% cvpf	85 #	...	...	...	...
2½	1	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	41	-1	3.4	10.5	8.0
24	11½	Ryan Hotels IE	18	...	...	7.6	10.8
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	750 †	...	7.0	1.2	...
54	34½	Stakis	48	...	...	1.2	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	198 †	...	...	5.6	12.1
616	487	AAH	494	-1	16.5	4.1	15.7
172	140	AIM	143	...	6.5	5.7	8.8
132	100	AEV	109½	-½	5.4	6.2	-
182	81	ASW	182	...	6.0	4.1	...
155	124	Adwest	154 †	+2	7.0	5.7	21.9
16½	10	Aerospace Eng	14½	...	1.0	...	8.8
468	434	Airsprung	460	...	7.5	2.0	12.8
136	113	Alexdra W	136	+3	3.8	3.5	-
13½	7	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...	...
529	415	Alumasc	520	...	11.0	2.6	16.2
35	17	Alvis	33	...	1.0	3.8	6.8
420	345	Amber Ind	365	...	17.0	5.8	9.8
38	18	Amberley Gp▲	30	...	...	4.2	...
145	135	Andrews Sykes	141	...	4.4	3.9	...
893	703	Antofagasta	863	...	...	2.4	-
50½	37	Armour	44½	...	1.4	4.2	13.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	159	...	6.4	5.0	16.3
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	2½	...	0.0	2.3	...
555	445	Avon Rubber	524	-2	16.5	3.9	20.4
235	168	Assoc Nursg▲	216	...	...	...	8.3
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	671 †	...	...	4.2	-
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	38	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	158	...	...	5.9	-
51	28	BLP Group▲	51	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	24½	+2	5.0	...	1.0
770	691	BOC	702	+1	23.2	4.1	15.4
79½	62	BSG	63½	-½	...	6.3	-
450	353	BSS Group	450	...	...	4.8	18.0
621	530	BTR	600	+6	...	3.8	19.7
221	188	BWI	193 †	...	6.7	4.3	18.6
41½	31	Babcock	37½	...	3.1	...	7.8
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
299	241	Baird (Wm)	248	+2	8.9	4.5	-
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	593½	...	...	5.8	3.3
7	7	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	57	...	1.4	3.1	-
15	5	Beaufort	6½	...	1.8	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham▲	7½	-½	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	30	...	...	...	...
27½	19½	Benson Group	21	...	0.1	0.6	19.4
307	541	Bespak	544	...	9.0	2.1	17.0
133	110	Bibby (J)	118	+2	9.7	11.0	6.5
300	129	Bilam (J)	255	-9	5.0	2.5	-
33½	21½	Bilston Batrsea▲	30	...	...	...	...
11½	7½	Bimec Ind	7½	...	0.6	...	...
158	126	Birkby	146	-1	...	0.9	...
43	32	Black Arrow	42	-2	2.1	6.3	10.0
1½	¾	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	167	...	2.9	2.2	17.2
196	129	Bluebird Toys▲	182	...	...	3.1	11.4
587	494	Bodycote	581	+1	10.0	2.2	...
563	445	Boots	452	+1	...	3.7	17.0
61	45	Booth Inds	49	+1	3.2	5.2	5.1
517	435½	Bowater	491	-1	11.5	2.9	19.4
1682	1335	Bowater Inc	1362 †	-9	...	...	...
248	190	Boxmore Intl▲	239 †	...	...	1.9	17.9
19	12½	Brasway	16½	-1½	0.5	4.4	21.3
268	204	Brammer	255 †	...	13.0	6.4	-
16½	12	Bridgend Gp	15½	...	1.2	...	7.0
101	64	Bridon	89	...	4.0	5.8	-
70	53	Bridport-Gndry	69 †	...	4.1	7.4	12.9
40	31	Brierley Inv	35	-1	...	9.1	8.6
308	273	Br Bldg & Eng	273	...	...	1.1	...
54	42	Br Bloodstock▲	50	...	...	...	...
497	417	Br Polythene	496 †	...	...	2.5	17.8
97	54	Br Steel	93	-2	...	1.3	...
120	100	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.1	33.6
14½	11½	Br Thornton	14	...	...	2.2	...
268	216	Br Vita	228	+1	7.1	3.9	14.0
13	6½	Brixton Grp	11½	...	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	649	-10	...	2.8	30.4
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	102	...	4.0	4.9	14.1
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	7½	...	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	68	...	4.7	...	...
118	91	Bullough	108	...	6.0	7.0	18.5
36	16	Business Tech▲	19	...	...	...	22.9
28	17	Cl Group	24	...	1.0	5.2	-
25	15	Campbll & Arm	24	...	2.0	...	...
16½	6½	Cannon St	10½	+1½	...	...	...
240	205	Cape	234	...	10.5	5.6	14.9
220	178	Carclo Eng	220	...	...	3.9	15.5
2868	2138	Carnaud Md	2350	...	...	1.8	-
78	68	Cassidy Bros▲	70	...	...	4.3	7.8
167	158	Castings	166	...	4.0	3.1	11.8
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	140	-3	6.0	5.4	8.4
707	609	Charter Cons	638	...	21.5	4.2	15.3
270	220	Chemring	258	...	...	4.0	15.5
92	69	Chieftain Gp▲	71	...	5.1	9.0	15.2
30	17	Chillington	23½	...	0.5	2.7	...
188	144	Christies Int	181	...	1.5	1.0	-
61	34	Clayhithe	56	...	2.5	5.6	...
90	70	Clayton Son	70	-13	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	350	Cohen (A)	390	...	10.0	...	...
223	179	Community H	180	+1	0.5	4.5	11.2
246	190½	Concentric	223	...	...	3.1	17.9
170	120	Cook (Wm)	162	...	10.0	...	10.8
213	182	Cookson	213	+5	...	3.5	-
45	38	Copymore▲	45	...	...	7.5	8.8
238	173	Crmill Plr 'A'	174	...	5.7	4.1	14.9
178	147	Cosalt	158	...	10.7	8.5	24.0
224	160	Creighton Nt▲	190	...	...	4.6	13.8
43	27	CrestaCare	42	...	0.5	1.5	-
3456½	2993½	Dana	3087½	...	...	...	...
685	314	Danka Bs Sys	673	-59	3.7	0.7	20.7
16	5	Davies (DY)▲	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	660	+4	15.0	2.7	21.2
25	16	Dinkie Heel	21 †	...	0.9	5.7	16.7
481	391	Diploma	455	...	9.7	2.7	23.7
65	50	Dobson Park	63	+1	5.7	11.4	11.3
98	92	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.4	13.9
65	57	-do- 'A'	64	...	5.0	9.8	9.2
18	9	EFG▲	15	-1	...	...	...
421	370	EIS	371 †	+1	...	3.9	-
15½	9½	ETT Gp▲	9 #	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	28	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	20	...	3.3	...	11.8
2350	1925	Electrolux 'B'	1967½	-12½	...	2.8	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
484	434	Eng China Cl	438	+1	30.0	5.7	-
2475	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2312½	+12½	...	1.3	-
76	27	Erskine Hse	37	...	...	7.7	3.9
44	32	Eurocopy	43	...	1.6	4.7	16.7
73	47	Expamet	66	...	3.2	6.2	-
635	499	Fairey Group	618 †	...	10.2	2.1	-
95	53	Fenner	85	...	4.2	6.2	16.0
68	33	Ferraris Group▲	66	-1	...	1.9	15.1
1½	¼	Ferromet▲	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	23	...	2.5	14.5	15.1
35	28	Fife Indmar	35	+4	0.5	1.8	...
251	157	Fisons	163½	+2½	...	6.7	17.5
53	29	Fitzwilton	48	...	...	11.0	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	40	Folkes Group nv	40	...	1.5	4.8	-
74	56	French (Thomas)	66	...	3.6	6.9	33.1
210	166½	Frost Group	190 †	...	4.0	2.7	-
85	71	GEI Intl	83	...	7.3	11.0	17.1
489	441	GKN	462	+2	...	5.3	21.5
51	42	GR Hldgs	46 †	...	...	5.4	...
87	79	Garton Eng	79	...	1.0	6.6	...
160	109	Gestetner	111	...	8.2	9.2	4.8
36	23	Gleves	24	...	...	...	17.4
801	545	Glaxo	594½	+7½	17.0	3.6	16.4
25	16	Glenchewton	25½	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	307	...	11.6	4.9	-
95	66	Goode Durrant	93	+4	5.4	7.3	19.7
134	102	Grampian Hd	130	...	5.5	5.3	22.6
406	341	Granada	398	+5	7.7	2.4	21.2
359	301	Great Sthrn▲	359 †	...	...	3.8	14.8
93	78	Green (Ernst)▲	92	...	...	9.5	12.7
12	8½	Greenacre▲	11	...	...	3.2	-
17	8	Guardian Grp▲	11	...	2.0	6.0	-
43	30½	Haden MacLn	42½	...	...	...	...
83	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	66	...	...	...	...
215	115	Hall Eng	215	+2	8.6	5.0	17.9
258	215	Halma	235	...	2.2	1.2	29.1
49	30	Hampson Ind	37	+1	2.3	...	10.0
265½	228	Hanson	231	+1½	...	6.2	11.8
221	187	Harris (Philip)	210	...	...	4.1	14.9
186	147	Harrisn Crsfd	178 †	+1	9.0	6.3	25.7
60	38	Havelock Euro	56	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	31	...	0.7	3.8	12.1
25	17	Headway	23	+3	14.8	5.2	15.4
366	301	Hepworth	358	...	3.0	1.7	17.0
225	160	Hewitt (J)	218	...	1.3	...	...
38	15	High-Point	36	...	...	5.6	17.4
127	112½	Hill & Smith	125	...	...	...	...
10	7	Hobson▲	7	...	...	7.1	-
105	62	Holders Tech▲	105	+4	1.3	4.1	-
44	30	Hopkinsons	40	...	...	7.5	14.5
167	138	Hornby▲	151	...	...	11.1	2.4
17½	6	Hospital Crp	9	...	...	4.0	10.5
69	54½	Howden	68	...	...	6.3	-
231½	173	Hunting	200 †	+3	...	1.2	-
1160	808	Huntgn Tec▲	1048	...	...	4.3	-
295	247	IMI	291½	+2½	10.0	1.5	15.2
108	90	ISA Intl	98 †	...	1.5	1.9	19.8
205	179	Intercare Gp▲	187	...	...	1.7	16.0
255	235	Isoron	249	...	3.9	2.0	-
493	360	Jardine Math	440	-1	...	2.7	-
537	438	Johnson Matth	464	+5	9.6	2.6	19.3
64	52	Johnson & FB	52	...	3.0	7.2	16.0
136	104	Johnston	124	...	3.2	3.3	-
32	19	Jones Shipman	24	...	...	...	...
31	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
54	26	Kalamazoo	51	-2	...	...	42.0
171½	73	Kalon	171½	+2	3.2	2.3	-
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	5.8	-
545	465	Kershaw (A)	510	...	27.0	6.6	26.5
125	75	Kleeneze	117	+2	...	...	...
118	61	LGW▲	118	...	3.0	3.2	9.8
303	260	Laird	291	...	10.5	4.5	-
136	106	Lee (Arthur)	133	...	5.9	5.5	56.5
136	130	Lilleshall	124	...	4.2	4.3	15.3
153	97	Linread	148	...	...	4.3	12.8
18	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	18	-½	...	...	14.8
128	76	Linread	105 †	...	3.7	4.5	16.2
208	170	Linton Park	200	...	14.0	9.5	-
14½	10½	Lionheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	17½	...	1.0	7.1	55.1
274	191	Lon Intl	201	+2	9.4	5.9	13.7
98½	70	Lonrho	98½	+5	...	5.1	...
342	280	Low & Bonar	335	+1	...	3.4	-
343	283	MB-Caradon	300 †	+2	8.6	3.6	-
169½	140½	-do- pf	157 †	+½	7.2	5.8	...
25	14½	ML Hldgs	21	...	1.8	...	20.3
35	27	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.2	47.5
50	39	MY Holdings	41 †	...	...	3.0	12.5
283	236	Macfarlane	258 †	...	4.7	2.3	25.0
430	379	McKechnie	415	-5	14.7	4.5	30.3
106	88	McLeod Russel	101	...	0.0	7.4	12.3
10½	6½	Maddox	6½	...	...	...	...
74	66	Magnolia	66 †	-2	0.1	0.2	-
106	71	Mang Bronze	96	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	22	Marling	23½	...	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn▲	172 †	...	...	3.6	14.3
54	29	Mayflower	54 †	...	...	2.0	...
236	191½	Medeva	200	...	...	1.3	17.0
103½	88	Meggitt	99½	+1	3.7	4.7	-
130	111	Metalr	114	-1	4.0	4.4	16.8
76	70	Messeca	71	...	...	...	...
77	29	Midsmnes	72	...	...	1.3	-
21½	14	Mining & Ald	21	-2	0.5	3.0	...
488	386	Molins	456	...	14.0	3.8	-
345	282	Morgan Cble	294 †	-5	12.6	5.5	-
145	134	Morris Ashby▲	135	...	...	4.4	11.7
31	18	Neepsend	28	...	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	53 †	...	3.1	7.4	12.7
164	122	Nobo Gp	164	...	3.5	2.7	20.0
173	127½	Norcros	169	+1	7.0	5.2	29.0
43	35	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
329	310	Nu-Swift	311	...	...	8.0	8.6
53	36	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
79	21	OMI Intl	24½	...	1.7	8.9	-
140	133	PCT▲	136	...	...	7.1	-
48	44	Pacer Systems▲	44 †	...	...	8.3	...
138	111	Pentland	111	-1	...	2.8	-
380	310	Photo-Me	349	...	4.4	1.6	17.8
137	97½	Pilkington	134	...	6.0	5.6	48.8
32	19	Platon▲	28	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plantsbrook	71	...	3.0	5.4	10.9
150	126	Polypipe	144	-2	1.9	1.7	20.8
517	473	Portals	473	-12	14.5	3.9	-
32	19	Porter Chadburn	23	...	2.5	13.6	5.7
7	5½	Porth Gp▲	6½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	343	+1	6.0	2.2	10.4
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	8.6
54	33½	RPS Group▲	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	1.0	...
148	73	Ransco Oil▲	130	+17	...	...	...
744	636	Rank Org	715	+1	31.0	5.4	19.6
33	23	Ransomes	29	...	...	...	...
657	563	Reckitt Colm	574	+6	...	3.5	23.0
77	50	Record	76	...	3.6	6.1	36.2
4	2½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	...
169	131	Relyon	164	+4	4.9	3.7	-
303	275	Renishaw	289	...	6.5	2.8	22.1
61	55	Renold	60	-1	1.0	2.1	...
1438	1240	Reuters	1259	+5	21.2	2.1	20.8
30	24½	Rexmore	25	...	1.7	7.8	6.9
120	91	Ricardo Group	117	...	5.7	6.1	32.9
68	59	Richard (Leics)	65	+8	4.4	5.4	-
79	63	Richardsn West	75	...	3.0	5.0	-
124	109	Ropner	126	...	8.2	8.5	17.2
122	97	-do- 'A'	117	...	5.2	9.2	5.9
38	28	Ross Gp	34 †	...	0.6	2.4	13.9
449	395	Rotork	437 †	+2	11.1	3.2	-
135	100	Rubicon	130	...	...	1.1	...
65	43	Russell (A)	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
36	15	SEP Indl	35	...	0.6	3.3	-
800	625	SKF 'B'	725	+25	...	...	...
312	222	Sanderson Elec	301	...	9.0	3.7	12.8
78	39	Savage▲	77	...	...	0.4	...
45	21	Saville Grdn (J)	40	...	2.2	6.9	15.8
248	218	Scapa	219	...	5.3	3.1	17.8
238	182	Scholl	205 †	...	6.3	3.8	-
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	910	...	2.6	0.4	35.0
668	565	-do- 'A'	565	-3	2.6	0.6	21.5
565	467	Security Serv	488	...	1.0	1.3	23.2
99½	77	Senior Eng	95½	...	3.1	4.1	-
361	306	Seton Health	338	+1	...	1.9	21.7
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	66	...	...	...	...
116	88	Shiloh	116	-2	2.9	3.2	-
261	206	Sidlaw	297	+1	10.0	4.2	13.8
501	427	Siebe	498	+1	...	2.4	19.7
305	220	Shemmigtr	295	-5	6.0	3.4	16.4
121	102	Sime Darby	109	...	...	3.4	13.4
142	92	Simon Eng	104	...	5.0	5.7	24.9
289	235	Sinclair (Wm)	277	-6½	7.0	3.7	15.3
47	42	Six Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.9	...
164	147½	Smith & Neph	146½	...	...	4.0	19.4
513	389	Smithkline	414	+4	8.6	2.3	17.1
450	340	Smithkline Uts	414	-4	...	2.3	15.0
394	320	Smiths Ind	356	...	11.2	4.0	14.4
140	79	Sthn Bus	82	...	3.3	5.2	7.8
380	365	Spandex▲	379	...	...	3.2	-
475	300	Spear (JW)	470	...	14.0	3.8	9.6
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	343 †	+4	9.3	3.4	-
145	55	Spring Ram	84 †	-1	0.3	0.5	-
270	229	Staveley	231	-1	8.2	4.5	13.1
147	126	Sterling Ind	140	...	5.6	5.0	17.5
30	11	Stonehill	19	...	...	...	...
154	97	Suter	140	...	5.5	7.9	-
320	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	317	-3	...	2.8	-
7	5	Sycamore	6 †	...	...	...	...
78	56	Sykes-Pick	57	...	...	9.0	10.6
265	240	Syltone	256	...	9.4	4.5	12.2
198	164	T&N	179 †	...	10.5	7.6	-
333	279	TI	315	-7	...	4.2	19.4
18	12	TLS Range▲	13	...	...	2.5	...
275	218	TT Group	274	+5	6.0	2.7	-
249	220	Takare	235	+1	1.8	1.0	-
815	618	Taiseda Chem	792	-10	...	0.6	21.0
31	24	Tex Hldgs	30	...	...	...	...
79	70	Tinsley (E)▲	74	-4	...	8.8	8.6
215	150	Titon▲	215	...	...	2.1	18.7
271	239	Tomkins	242	-2	...	3.3	17.0
97½	67	Trafalgar H	90	...	...	4.5	6.6
95½	65½	-do- 'A'	89	...	...	...	...
579	346	Transfer Tech	500	...	16.0	4.1	12.4
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	182	...	7.0	4.8	16.7
253	221	UniChem	234 †	...	5.6	3.0	-
305	275½	Unidare	305 †	...	...	7.0	9.1
35	11½	Unigroup	31	...	...	...	...
1249	1050	Unilever	1082½	+4½	21.3	2.5	14.7
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7200	-90	...	3.0	10.5
688	513	VSEL	686	+1	25.0	4.6	7.9
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
141	95½	Vickers	138	+4	...	1.4	...
367	303	Victaulic	334	...	7.8	3.0	-
364	283	Vinten	352	...	7.0	2.5	-
531	427	Vosper Thorny	531	...	13.1	3.1	12.8
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	2.9	8.4	-
468	410	Wagon Ind	422	+2	...	5.0	16.3
84	71	Walker Greenbk	84	+1	3.1	4.7	-
243	201	Wassall	237	...	2.5	1.3	23.9
35	22	Warford Wdgwd	32	...	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	647	+4	11.8	2.2	20.3
993	658	Wellcome	736	+13	13.0	2.2	...
23½	22½	Wellman	33	...	2.3	...	8.6
495	460	Whatman	490 †	...	0.5	2.4	-
353	267	Whessoe	347	+3	...	2.9	13.5
10½	4	Wheway	10	...	1.0	12.5	...
50	27	Whitecroft	44	...	4.0	...	4.1
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
76	44	Wilkes (James)	70	-2	3.5	6.3	20.4
365	313	Williams Hldg	337 †	+5	12.5	4.6	17.6
30	17	Wilshaw	29½	...	0.4	1.7	24.4
630	533	Wolseley	603	+4	12.5	2.6	30.9
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
45	35	Wyko	43	...	2.8	...	24.6
58	38	Young (H)	53	...	3.0	7.1	19.4

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1612½	+50	...	3.0	...
2275	1793½	Am Gen	1956½	+43½	...	3.5	...
45	30	Archer (AJ)	32	...	4.4	17.2	15.6
168	132	Bradstock	125	...	5.1	5.1	15.4
1475	1078	Britannic	1420 †	-3	33.5	2.9	...
641	561	Com Union	591	+5	...	5.2	...
1450	1225	Dom & Gen	1445	...	...	1.6	23.9
22	16	FAI	22	+2	...	...	...
615½	551	Gen Accident	562 †	+2	26.7	5.9	...
195	160	GRE	185	...	7.0	4.7	15.4
370	293	Heath C E	314	+1	16.0	6.4	18.5
195	168	Hogg Gp	191	+1	8.1	5.5	-
198	164	JIB Group	191	...	7.5	4.9	19.3
493	408½	Legal & Gen	447	-1	...	5.3	62.6
1026	768	Liberty Life	829	+2	...	3.5	14.4
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	436	+3	17.3	5.0	15.7
395	353	Lloyd Thomp	274 †	...	5.6	2.5	20.5
398	274	Londn & Man	342 †	+2	14.2	5.5	-
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	349	...	12.6	4.5	13.9
6743½	5612½	Marsh McLn	5625	+12½	...	3.0	...
97	76	Oriel	77	...	...	8.1	5.7
68	50½	PWS	59	...	4.0	9.5	8.6
342	282½	Prudential	318	-1	...	4.7	21.2
1138	800	Refuge	1035	-3	31.5	7.8	29.7
332	258	Royal	318	-1	5.0	2.0	...
183	153	Sedgwick	167	-1	6.0	4.5	20.1
261	216	Steel Burrill	217	-4	13.2	7.6	-
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	48	...	6.2	21.5	4.9
362	307	Sun Alliance	330	+3	14.2	5.4	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	58	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	287	...	12.0	5.2	26.6
773	499	Utd Friendly	678 †	+3	14.5	3.7	-
208	171	Willis Corroon	182	+8	...	4.5	-
20	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1610	+2	45.0	3.5	-
260	226½	Amer Trust	229	...	4.9	2.7	47.5
343	304	Ang & O'seas	339	+3	6.8	2.5	43.0
136½	121½	BZW Conv	124½	...	7.8	7.8	14.6
198	133½	Bankers	148 †	...	3.4	2.9	40.7
298	264	Baring Tribne	275	...	6.4	2.9	43.5
157	131	Berry Starq	153	...	2.2	1.8	-
106½	96½	Br Assets	100	-½	...	5.4	24.2
67	57½	Br Empire Sec	66½	...	0.8	1.7	67.5
17	16	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	168	...	...	4.5	3.5	42.2
164	130	Contl Asset	155	+1	2.4	1.9	51.6
195	145	Derby Inc	145	...	16.6	14.5	6.7
235	145	-do- Cap	233	+8	...	...	...
119	90	Drayton Asia	116	...	0.7	0.8	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	68	...	8.4	16.1	7.2
99	35	-do- Eng Intl	58	+½	1.2	2.6	-
113	84	-do- Far East	112	...	0.6	0.7	...
108	95	-do- Korea	103	-2	0.5	0.6	...
631	577	Dundn Inc G	598	...	25.4	5.3	27.5
592	513	-do- Wwde	568	+1	9.5	2.1	58.5
270	232	Dundee & Lon	250	...	12.0	6.0	23.1
90	46	EFM Inc Tst	49	...	4.8	12.4	8.8
60	51½	-do- Div Pf	52	...	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	264½	+1	8.4	4.1	...
155	141	Electric Gen	152½	+½	3.1	2.5	48.5
76	85	English Scot	96	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	242	+1	...	3.1	29.5
92	77	Finsbury 'A'	92	...	3.0	4.1	29.0
290	248	Fleming Amer	249	...	0.7	0.4	...
306	190½	-do- Claver	301 †	...	...	3.3	30.6
286	212	Do Contl	240	...	...	2.0	...
171	147	-do- Enrp	168	+1	3.7	1.4	...
275	213	-do- F East	275	+1	4.5	3.3	37.7
306	246	-do- Fledg	297	+4	1.5	0.7	...
116	106½	-do- Hi Inc	114	+½	3.0	13	...
216	136	-do- Japan	216	...	5.8	6.4	19.4
271	250	-do- Merc	251	+4	0.3	0.2	...
251	212	-do- Oseas	238	+1	6.7	3.3	-
229	203	Foreign & Col	219	+½	4.0	2.1	56.8
210	164	-do- Eurost	194	+1	3.3	1.9	59.6
107	97	-do- German	95	...	1.2	0.8	...
257	191	-do- Pacific	247 †	...	0.4	0.5	...
137½	116	-do- Smaller	134	+3	19	1.0	-
232	145	GT Japan	226	...	...	1.7	68.1
118	65	Genl Cons Cap	114	+5	...	0.6	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	106	+2	...	...	...
145	117	Govett Am Smlr	117	...	...	10.0	10.9
251	184	-do- Oriental	251	...	...	...	...
246	207	-do- Strategy	240	...	0.9	0.5	-
373	340	Greenfriar	370	+1	6.7	3.6	32.8
10	5	Gresham House	8	+1	6.3	2.1	55.6
50	47	Independent Inv	48½	...	...	...	...
134	125	Inv Cap	127	...	0.5	1.3	76.8
92	77	Ivo UK Smllr	89½	...	5.1	5.1	25.3
183	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	173	...	2.0	2.0	21.1
203	176	-do- O'seas	194	...	5.0	3.6	33.7
126	108	-do- Smlr	113	...	3.3	2.1	55.1
395	340	Law Debenture	379	...	4.0	4.4	27.4
174	164	Majedie	173	...	18.2	3.9	28.9
249	231	Merchants	237	...	...	3.5	33.1
5093½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4406½	+1	10.6	5.6	22.0
440	363	Monks Inv Tst	408	+18½	...	...	...
128	106	Morg Gren Inc	120	+1	6.7	2.1	54.9
37	23	Do Warrants	37	-2	...	4.8	23.8
47	39	Murray Euro	44	...	0.1	0.5	-
11	4½	Do Wts	9	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	307	...	...	3.5	23.0
319	265	-do- Intl	289	...	...	4.4	29.2
312	263	-do- Small	296	+½	11.4	4.9	26.1

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	286	-2	7.2	3.2	10.1
60	42	Ald Leis	51	-1	4.7	...	14.6
272	194	Anglia TV	271	+1	9.2	4.3	-
349	192	Barr & W 'A'	304	...	10.0	6.3	12.7
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1200	...	22.0	2.3	-
101	60	Border TV▲	94	...	...	3.6	12.3
16½	4½	Brent Walker	9½	...	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	4½	+1	...	...	...
292	178	Campari	179 †	...	12.0	8.4	-
197	171	Capital Radio	190	...	5.2	3.5	22.1
918	718	Carlton Comm	747	+4	17.0	2.6	22.0
200	158	Castle Comm▲	178 †	...	...	6.0	16.3
1968	1615	Central TV	1868	+10	38.0	2.6	-
83	61	Chrysalis	65	...	...	...	...
610	517	Compass Gp	546	...	12.3	2.6	15.5
350	218	Eurocamp	245	...	9.7	5.0	10.1
1180	710	Euro Disney	865	-30	...	1.4	...
6	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
33	18	Ex-Lands	20	...	...	...	...
333	245	Fairline Boats	332	...	10.5	4.0	...
378	320	First Leisure	362	-1	6.1	2.1	25.1
535	398	GWR Gp▲	507	...	...	1.7	26.1
194	149	Grampian	188	-6	6.1	4.2	-
8	5	Greenwich Comm▲	5	...	...	...	...
51	19	HTV Group	50	...	...	...	...
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	42	...	5.5	...	2.6
12	5½	Kunick	10½	...	...	...	...
390	362	LWT CP	390	...	4.9	1.6	-
452	327	Man Utd	452 †	...	18.0	5.0	15.5
146	96½	Owners Abrd	107	-1	3.5	4.1	8.6
66	33	The Pelican Gp	53	-1	...	2.4	18.3
130	55	Prism Leisure▲	110	...	...	3.1	12.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
318	271	Radio Clyde▲	291	...	...	3.7	22.8
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	167	-6	...	3.4	22.2
502	431	Scot TV	450 †	-1	9.9	2.8	-
60	41	Southern Radio	41	...	0.7	2.4	17.1
209	168	Stanley Leisure	198	...	...	2.6	16.7
9	5½	Sunleigh▲	8½	...	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	138	...	3.5	3.2	16.1
29	29	TSW	29 #	...	...	23.6	0.9
420	383	Tanjong	420 #	...	...	0.6	...
221	150	Thames TV	195	...	2.5	1.6	-
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	89	...	...	...	2.9
76	44	Trans World▲	67	...	...	1.5	24.4
374	274	Ulster TV	373	...	10.0	3.4	11.3
22	13½	Wembley	16	+½	0.2	1.6	...
31	7½	Whitegate	24	...	...	...	...
175	110	Yorkshire TV	171	...	12.0	8.8	5.2
108	83	Zetters Gp	107	...	8.0	9.3	10.8

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3575	1800	Am Gold	3487½	-87½	...	5.7	17.5
1325	1016½	Ang Am Coal	1250	...	...	7.4	5.9
1800	1125	Ang Am	1750	-46½	...	4.0	12.0
18	8	Anglo Pac Res▲	17	...	...	...	...
101½	33	Blyvoors	94½	-7½	...	6.5	5.2
30½	16	Bracken	27½	-3½	...	...	1.4
619	233	Buffels	593	-36	...	6.7	14.6
3	1½	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	596	-33	...	3.5	-
23	11	Cluff Res	22½	-3	...	...	...
1150	762½	De Beers	1075	-37½	...	4.5	-
69	37½	Deelkraal	69	...	...	8.8	3.8
31½	7	Doornfontein	31½	...	...	...	...
615	388	Driefontein	593	-22	...	5.6	10.8
327	120	Durban	322	+17	...	...	...
96	47	E Rand Gold	90	-4	...	13.5	-
134	82	E Dagga	134	-4	...	...	11.2
215	54	E Rand Prop	215	-4	...	...	...
295	177	Elandsrand	295	+25	...	4.1	6.9
639	292	FS Cons	613	-26	...	8.4	-
25	8	FS Dev	16	...	...	...	...
1388	725	GFSA	1295	+69	...	2.9	21.8
168	125	Gencor	159	-9	...	6.3	13.2
52½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	52½	...	...	2.6	12.6
16½	5	Greenvale R 'A'	16½	+1	...	...	...
118	49	Groote Iel	113	...	...	4.2	6.7
267	76	Harmony	258	-6	...	...	...
286	87	Hartles	255	-31	...	...	4.9
14	8½	Incoco	9½	...	...	...	...
783	461	Impala Plat	775	...	...	...	17.5
13½	6	Kenmare Res	11½	...	...	...	...
709	312	Kinross	709	+2	...	7.2	7.7
651	316	Kloof	625	-46	...	2.9	10.5
31	25	Leslie	29	...	...	5.9	7.1
12	12	Loraine	12	...	...	...	...
16½	6½	MIM	95	...	...	2.4	5.5
1½	½	Minorco	99	-1	...	3.9	3.5
995	625	Nth Brkn Hill	1250	-12	...	4.4	-
1227½	610	Orange Free	1557½	...	...	2.9	14.1
1663½	625	RTZ	649	+2	13.2	4.3	23.4
729	425	Rand Mines	690	...	...	3.4	3.3
950	55	Rand Min Prp	127	...	...	3.4	5.6
130	150	Randfontein	410	-38	...	4.2	8.2
448	115	Renison	150	...	...	3.0	14.6
163	550	Rustnbrg	1000	...	...	4.6	5.5
1075	191	St Helena	446	-16	...	4.4	9.1
464	475	Southvaal	1107	-107	...	5.2	19.0
1214	11	Stilfontein	134	...	...	9.2	11.9
70	56	Unisel	134	...	...	2.3	13.0
157	1900	Vaal Reefs	3587½	-200	...	2.2	6.1
3787½	154	Welkom	414	-19	...	7.8	12.8
453	26	Western Areas	105	-8	...	...	...
111	587½	Western Deep	1475	-125	...	4.5	6.7
1600	176	Wstrn Mining	231	-5	...	1.5	4.2
247	323	Winkels	757	...	...	...	...
762	46	Zambia Copper	64	...	...	...	10.4
84	18	Zandpan	33	...	...	...	...

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	236	...	0.1	0.1	17.0
125	95	Airflow Stream	117	...	5.2	5.7	...
116	82	Appleyard	115	...	8.8	4.0	-
280	203	Blenchley Mtr	280	...	6.0	5.3	-
147	120	Bostrom	142 †	+4	7.0	2.7	...
324	165	Br Aerospace	322	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
328	203	Caffyns	303	...	...	...	...
8	4½	Caverdale	8	...	...	...	...
130	98	Central Mtr▲	123	+1	...	3.0	32.5
26	18	Cook (DC)▲	30	...	...	...	...
230	156	Cowie (T)	220	+2	6.2	3.4	17.5
110	86	Dag Motors	105 †	...	5.7	0.8	-
147	106	Dawnpt Vern	147	...	4.0	3.4	18.1
264	155	ERF	210	...	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	107	...	...	...	...
292	208	Evans Halshaw	292	...	11.2	5.2	41.9
290	226	FR Group	240	...	7.2	3.4	-
3600½	2945½	Ford Motor	3493½	+37½	...	1.9	...
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2600	-97½	...	...	...
51	38	Gowrings	50 †	...	2.0	5.0	-
125	85	Henlys	125	...	3.0	3.0	...
875	650	Honda Motor	822	+3	...	0.7	...
36	15	Jacks (Wm)	33	...	...	...	...
95	66	Jessups	95	...	4.5	5.9	...
136	97	Kwik-Fit	132	+2	3.3	3.2	-
344	281	Lex Service	342	+2	10.6	3.9	-
117	85	Lookers	117	...	5.5	6.6	...
152	126	Lucas	136 †	+2	7.0	6.4	-
224½	224½	Pendragon	240	...	...	3.2	21.0
165	106	Perry Gp	165	...	6.0	4.6	-
153	108	Quicks Group	148	...	4.5	3.8	-
139	99	Rolls-Royce	133	+4	5.0	4.7	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	139	+1	4.0	3.6	21.5
185	121	Westland	183	...	4.2	2.9	16.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	133	...	4.0	3.8	14.2
330	325	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.5	5.3	-
608	488	Blenheim Gp	535	...	...	2.1	19.8
330	275	Bristol	330	...	11.5	4.4	24.5
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9100	...	130	1.8	30.5
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9075	...	130	1.8	20.4
305	251	Dorling Kind	253 †	...	...	1.5	24.2
373	328	EMAP	373	...	...	2.5	24.3
953	873	Euromoney Pb	938	+3	29.5	3.9	21.1
237	170	Harrimson E	219	...	4.5	2.6	11.7
358	235	Haynes Pub	308	...	6.0	2.4	13.2
283	226	Headline	283	...	4.5	2.0	-
140	105	Home Counts	129 †	...	6.0	5.8	-
6	3	Intl Bus Comm	6½	+1½	...	...	...
8½	6½	Intl Cm & Data▲	7½	...	...	4.2	...
520	400	Independent	510 †	...	...	1.5	23.2
536	395	Johnston Press	536	-1	6.2	3.6	19.4
288	245	Metal Bulletin	275	...	8.0	...	-
143	88	Mirror Gp	139	...	...	0.3	22.7
373	297	News Corp	338	-4	...	0.6	15.4
240	169	News Intl	232	...	...	3.4	20.5
437	354	Pearson	437	+8	8.6	1.6	16.0
658	510	Portsmth Sund	658	...	...	3.3	28.1
686	518	Reed Int	644	-7	...	1.3	42.7
146	95	Southnews	145	...	...	2.6	40.2
130	90	Sterling Pub▲	122	+5	11.0	3.8	-
370	328	Telegraph	366	+1	25.4	4.1	-
825	715	Thomson Corp	775	...	8.7	3.2	20.7
347	313	Trinity Intl	345	...	...	...	...
39	34	Unit Group▲	34	...	...	4.5	14.9
610	494	Utd Newspaprs	599	...	...	...	...

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Pet▲	16½	...	...	...	-
29	17	Aran Energy	27½	+½	...	...	...
52	40	Arcon Intl▲	47	...	...	...	...
61	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	57	...	...	...	...
63	26	Aviva Pet	50	+1	...	...	...
14	9	Beveriey	10	...	0.6	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	168	...	7.1	6.0	4.5
326	276	British Gas	305	+2	14.2	6.0	14.4
312½	225	Br Petroleum	292½	+7	10.5	4.5	30.1
1½	1	Bula Resources	1	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	732 †	+2	...	4.3	17.9
58	32	Cairn Energy	55	...	...	...	8.3
268	223	Calor Gp	255	...	12.0	6.0	...
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	48	...	...	...	...
35	27	Coplex Res	28	+1	...	...	...
14½	10½	Edm Oil & Gas▲	14½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	481	+6	16.0	4.2	59.4
88	55	Exp Co Louis	67	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	32 †	...	...	1.7	12.2
67	45	Goal Pet	52	...	1.4	3.4	9.0
31	18	Gt Western Res	26	...	...	...	...
155	108	Hardy O & G	154	-1	1.0	0.8	48.3
34	18½	Kelt Energy	32	...	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	152 †	+1	3.3	2.7	30.8
103	63	-do- Units	80	...	9.4	14.8	...
24	14½	Mid Scot Res▲	19½	...	...	...	...
46½	34	Monument	45½	...	...	...	...
9	6	New London	9	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	31	...	...	1.0	4.0	10.7
35	27	Oil Search	34	...	...	...	...
14	12	Petroz	13	...	...	...	14.4
110	99	Pict Pet	104	...	...	...	10.1
30½	19	Premier	28½	-½	...	5.3	...
115	50	Presidio	105	-7	...	5.5	...
308	290	Ranger	290	...	...	5.7	13.2
6000	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	5637½	-62½	...	1.9	...
4262½	3600	Schlumberger	4050	-59½	...	...	...
67	47	Seafield	59	...	...	...	...
605	515	Shell	554	+3½	21.9	4.9	17.0

OTHER TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	96	-do- S/C Inc	99	...	...	13.8	9.4
90	73	-do- S/C Cap	90	+1	...	4.5	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	...	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	143½	...	10.3	5.3	19.3
260	230	-do- Vent	244	...	0.2	0.5	...
71	56½	New Frontier	69	...	6.7	10.7	11.1
85	66	Nmkrog Inc	79	+1	2.8	1.2	79.9
288	249	O'seas Inv Tst	280	...	1.1	0.4	...
362	285	Pacific Assets	345	...	...	...	...
264	187	Do Warrants	247	...	...	2.5	48.7
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8150 †	...	1.1	1.2	55.7
124	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	123	...	0.2	10.0	11.5
123	108	River & Merc	115	...	...	3.5	...
362	350	Robeco	373 †	...	...	2.2	...
368	346	Rolinco	366 †	...	7.5	4.0	31.9
240	214	St Andrew Inv	237	...	4.3	4.0	29.0
146½	131	Scot American	138½	...	...	...	...
945	681	Scot Asian	920	...	...	...	...
345	225	du Warrants	340	-½	1.5	2.8	45.3
73	63½	-do- Eastern	69	...	...	...	...
201	185	Scottish	193	+1	4.6	3.0	40.0
201	178	-do- Mrge	198½	+½	4.0	2.7	...
79½	71	-do- Value	79	...	...	2.8	56.3
1505	1390	Second Allnce	1416	+2	36.5	3.2	38.0
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	81	...	3.2	5.2	-
130	100½	Selective Asset	122	...	1.2	1.2	43.9
21½	14	Sphere Inv	20 †	...	3.1	19.4	0.5
130	112	TR Far East	130	-1	4.5	4.4	28.3
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	135 †	...	4.7	4.4	28.3
141	110	TR Pacific	128	...	0.3	0.3	...
22½	17	TR Property	20½	+½	1.4	...	60.3
69	47	TR Tech Inv	52	...	1.7	4.2	25.8
170	146	TR Smlr Cos	159	+1	3.7	2.9	49.6
315	283	Temple Bar	305	+1	13.2	5.4	23.0
90	69	Thrgmtn Asan E	86	+1	0.5	0.7	...
66	54	Thrgmrton	64	+5	2.3	4.5	26.1
418	363	Throg Dual Cp	398	+1	...	...	...
195	179	USDC Invest	193	...	4.5	2.0	35.5
92	76½	Value Inc Tst	92	...	...	4.9	24.3
598	542	Whitbread Inv	567	+5	15.0	3.3	37.6
195	181	Witan	189	...	5.6	3.7	33.1

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203	191	Sunrise Eng Sv	192	...	...	...	7.6
10½	4½	Teredo▲	5½	...	...	...	5.7
41	25	Trifon Europe	25	...	...	...	...
11	6½	Vilkers Grp	10½	-2	...	2.3	...
172	143½	Woodside	155	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
308	349	API	308	...	7.5	3.0	26.8
194	144	Arjo Wiggins	194	+1	...	4.2	19.2
500	406	Abbott Mead	496	...	9.3	2.3	-
1½	¾	Acsis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
31	13	Aegis Gp	31	+1½	1.3	5.5	...
212	155	Aspen Comns▲	197 †	...	...	3.3	-
12	7	BBB Design▲	12	...	...	...	...
335	254½	Bemrose	327	-4	...	4.5	-
33	16	Birkdale	16	...	0.2	1.4	15.2
138	118	Bunzl	131	...	4.0	3.8	-
297	250	CIA Gp	264	...	...	2.1	16.7
254	116	Capital Inds	252	-1	4.0	2.0	-
54	44	City of Lon▲	50	...	...	8.5	10.5
214	169	Cropper (Jmes)	214	...	3.0	1.6	24.4
6	6	Crown Com▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
73	51	Delyn Pckaging	65	...	1.4	2.6	12.9
117	94	Dolphin Pack	104 †	...	4.5	5.4	-
53	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	50	...	...	...	12.4
14½	12½	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	11.2
58	41	Fairway Group▲	56	...	...	7.0	16.5
296	271	Ferguson Intl	295	+2	12.5	5.3	16.0
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	7.5	5.9	-
107	74	Filofax▲	100	...	...	0.5	25.0
20	14	Finch	15	-2	...	...	...
100	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	99	-1	...	6.3	19.3
295	247	Gold Greenlss	275	...	...	3.8	22.3
41	20	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
84	43	Hunterprint	65	...	...	...	...
180	136	Intereurope	180	+5	7.4	5.2	11.8
238	191	Jarvis Porter	228	...	4.4	2.4	24.9
26	15½	Lopex	26	...	...	...	...
274	175	More O'Ferrall	272	...	13.2	6.1	-
85	43	NMC Group	81	...	1.2	...	16.0
103	66	Osborne & Little	100	...	4.3	5.4	12.8
234	167	Quano	233	-1	5.3	2.7	-
347	319	St Ives Gp	320	+1	5.2	2.0	22.4
198	152	Saatchi	175	...	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	413	-4	...	8.9	-
19½	11½	Senta	15	...	...	...	...
26½	14	Shandwick	19	-1½	...	...	...
350	294	Smith David	350	+12	9.5	3.4	15.5
296	244	Smurfit (Jeff)	246	+4	...	0.6	9.6
243	183	Star-Plus	243 †	...	8.0	4.1	-
24	16½	Taylor Nelson	24	...	0.3	1.6	-
53	38	VTR▲	51	...	...	8.5	14.2
74	40	WPP	72	...	...	1.7	...
125	62	Wace	118	-6	2.2	2.4	-
221	203	Waddington (J)	214	...	7.0	4.6	16.2
658	540	Walmough	658	...	11.5	2.2	25.6
6½	4½	Westport▲	5½	...	...	...	26.6
20	12	Whitney Mck▲	20	...	...	...	...
74	55	Wood (SW)	71	...	0.2	0.4	...

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	63 †	+1	3.5	7.0	54.4
61	58	Arcadian	60	...	2.1	3.8	-
73	54	Asda	70	...	4.0	4.0	-
139	88	Avonside	125	...	...	...	...
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2200	-25	...	...	...
535	396	Bilton	508 †	-1	18.9	4.7	18.4
26	23	Bourne End	25	...	1.0	5.2	...
178	150	Bradford	177	...	4.4	3.1	16.1
21	12	Bredero	18	...	...	...	1.7
277	176	Br Land	248	+2	6.3	3.2	22.9
198	153	Brixton	180	+3	8.3	6.0	-
57	45	Burford	56	...	1.1	2.6	-
147	99	Cap & Regnl▲	147	+2	...	0.9	-
130	120	Cardiff Prop	130	+5	2.4	2.3	...
260	196	Chesterfield	249	-5	18.5	...	17.6
32	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
14	10	Clayform	12½	...	...	...	...
1073	818	Daejan	1073	...	25.0	2.9	16.8
3	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenhm Twsn	70	...	2.5	4.5	25.4
17	4	De Morgan	6	...	...	...	...
108	76	Dencora	108	+3	3.0	3.6	-
443	263	Derwent Hldgs	406 †	...	8.0	2.6	50.6
225	170	Estates Agency	200	...	3.0	1.9	18.5
16	7½	Estates Gen	14½	...	...	...	...
84	72	Etonbrook	78	+1	3.7	4.6	8.5
143	132	Evans Of Leeds	138	...	6.1	3.8	13.2
14	11	Five Oaks	12	...	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
405	285	Frogmore	367	...	15.0	4.8	21.6
140	97	Grainger	138	...	5.2	4.8	30.8
170	130	Gr Portland	164	+2	10.0	7.6	16.3
19	7½	Greycoat	17½	...	5.2	...	...
128	101	HK Land	113	-1	...	5.8	-
72	35	Hambro Cntyw	70	-1	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	336	+5	10.0	3.8	-
382	245	-do- 'A'	304	+3	...	4.2	-
192	127	Helical Bar	192	+1	...	3.1	...
26	19	Hemingway	23	...	...	...	...
132	61	Herring Baker	62	...	...	3.7	7.6
153	135	Jermyn	138	...	...	1.5	1.4
539	435	Land Sec	535	+5	21.7	5.2	15.9
91	73	Lon Merch Sec	88	...	3.8	5.4	14.0
4½	1	Lon & Metro	3	...	...	...	...
415	324	MEPC	365	+5	20.0	6.5	16.1
7½	5	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
110	90	McKay Secs	104	...	6.7	...	17.1
4½	3	Markheath	4½	...	0.5	...	...
45	12	Marvale Mre	45	-4	1.0	...	...
14½	5	Merlin Intl	10	...	...	...	...
36	30	Moorfield Est	36	...	...	...	...
100	75	Mountview	100	...	1.6	2.7	...
136	112	Muckow (A&J)	136	...	5.9	5.6	4.5
6	6	Olive Hldgs	6	...	4.0	...	4.7
7½	5½	Orsont Est	7½	...	...	...	...
211	138	Peel	209	...	3.9	2.1	...
10	4	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	...
118	56	Prop Security	118	...	3.7	4.1	25.5
16	1	Property Trust	15	...	...	...	...
2	1	Raglan	1½	-1	...	...	...
3	1½	Regalian	2½	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowntree Secs	110	...	3.2	...	...
31	16	St Modwen Prp	31	...	1.3	1.3	21.4
61	30	Savills	57	...	2.4	...	33.6
60	34	Scot Met	56	...	...	...	...
14	5	Shaftesbury	14	...	1.5	...	...
35	1	Shield	35 #	...	...	...	...
164	17	Sinclair Gdsm	164	...	...	1.9	...
196	138	Slough Estate	196	+1	6.3	11.5	...
74	56	Southend Prop	74	...	4.1	7.5	27.6
16	7	Speyhawk	14	...	...	...	...
27	16	Stannope Prps▲	27	...	...	...	...
157	114	Tops Ests	156	...	2.0	1.6	31.5
101	79	Town Centre	100	+1	3.1	3.9	27.4
65	43	Trafford Park	59	...	2.5	5.5	15.9
23	8	UK Land	23	...	...	...	...
6½	4	Union Square	6½	...	10.5	3.3	10.0
217	190	Warner	215	...	7.2	4.7	17.3
199	168	Warnford	191	-1	...	...	...
7½	5½	Waterglade	7½	...	...	...	...
51	35	Wates	51	+4	0.7	1.9	...
70	40	Wood John De	70	-2	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic▲	18	...	...	...	2.7
121	86	Headlam	121 †	+1	15.0	4.5	-
500	330	Lambert	365	...	2.0	3.1	23.1
100	80	Pittard Garnar	61	...	4.3	8.1	...
59	30	Strong & Fisher	29 †	-2	1.0	3.0	2.4
150	99	Stylo	131	...	...	...	-

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	459	...	12.6	3.4	14.8
69	54	Beckman (A)	54 †	...	4.7	...	10.7
27	21	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12
165	141	Br Mohair	155	...	8.5	6.9	...
175	89	Celestion	143	-1	1.4	1.2	...
20	15	Charwell▲	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	330	...	7.2	2.7	2.2
601	540	Courtauld Text	549	-2	13.6	3.1	15.0
53½	24½	Cupid▲	36	...	...	12.3	4.3
246½	221	Dawson	230	+1	9.0	4.9	22.1
30	22	Drummond	24	...	1.5	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	34	...	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel▲	68	...	...	9.0	6.7
24	15	Foster (John)	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
98	82	Gaskell	98	+6	4.2	5.9	-
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	171	+1	3.4	2.5	14.7
59	45	Jerome (S)	56	-2	...	...	...
326	249	Lamont	326	+2	12.0	4.7	-
425	353½	Leeds	424	...	...	2.2	20.5
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
132	91	Lyles (S)	82	...	4.9	7.6	9.1
111	69	Parkland 'A'	110	...	2.0	2.3	...
95½	82	Readicut	95	...	3.4	4.5	18.8
53	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	84	...	5.1	7.7	14.9
58	44	Stirling Gp	58	...	1.6	3.6	21.2
51	42	Stoddard	42	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
310	250	Tomkinsons	301	...	11.5	4.8	36.0
62½	32½	West Trust	45	...	...	6.9	...
417	252	Yorklyde	417	...	10.4	3.2	-

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	823	BAT	956	+19	...	5.4	15.5
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	632	+7	10.2	2.1	14.2

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
408	349	Assoc Br Ports	398	+5	8.5	2.7	...
813	728	BAA	785	+6	14.5	2.4	13.3
311	260	Br Airways	281½	+2½	...	4.7	7.5
81	58	Clarkson (H)	59	...	1.5	3.2	...
27	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	419	-3	...	...	...
51	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
134	136	Graig	130	...	4.5	4.4	...
168	147	IoM Steam	168	+6	...	6.0	5.9
33	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
79	41	Lon O'Seas Fris	79	...	1.2	2.0	4.8
2250	1362½	Manchstr Sh	2067½	...	4.5	0.3	11.4
349	290	Mersey Docks	335	...	7.5	2.8	21.5
210	181	Nall Express	186	...	...	4.6	-
284	238	NFC	257 †	+1	6.5	3.2	19.5
302	244	Ocean Group	271 †	-4	14.3	6.5	...
53	40	Ocean Wilson	53	...	...	6.3	11.6
627	504	P & O Dfd	565	+1	...	6.7	19.2
137	127	P & O 5 1/2%	136	...	...	5.1	...
536	446	Powell Duffryn	534	...	22.6	5.3	21.3
138	117	Seacon▲	132	...	...	4.8	8.3
41½	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
45½	31½	TNT	43	...	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	723 †	...	11.8	2.0	-
382	173	Tiphook	232	+2	17.3	9.3	4.6
298	254	TDG	257	+3	9.5	4.6	-

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	460	Anglian Water	494	+6	19.3	4.9	9.0
652	547	Northumbrian	611	-2	20.5	4.2	6.3
533	449	North West	486	+9	19.6	5.1	8.5
533	439	Severn Trent	485	+9	14.3	5.0	7.1
554	454	Sthn Water	491	+3	19.5	4.9	8.7
1325	1225	Sth Staffs	1320	...	40.2	3.8	8.5
569	467	South West	506	+5	21.7	5.4	7.7
563	468	Thames Water	507	+8	19.2	4.7	9.6
612	506	Welsh Water	555	+4	21.4	4.8	6.4
649	536	Wessex Water	603	...	...	4.0	8.1
593	506	Yorkshire W	531	+2	19.5	4.6	8.6

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Exempt	877.00	905.10†	-11.10	3.39
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Balanced	634.90	678.70	-2.20	2.60
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Wld Asset Val	38.36	41.00	+0.49	2.00
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-do- Inc	216.70	230.60†	-3.30	2.76
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-do- Inc	339.30	361.00†	-5.80	3.71
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	172.30	181.90	-1.80	6.25
-do- Inc	90.30	95.38	-0.92	6.25
Nth America	235.00	250.00†	-4.40	
Far East	299.00	307.50†	-13.70	0.12
Europe	214.60	228.40†	-1.30	0.94
General Inc	413.70	440.20†	-4.40	2.39
-do- Acc	454.00	483.00†	-4.70	2.39
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Euro Gth Inc	111.00	117.70	-0.50	1.00
Extra Inc	102.00	109.10†	-1.00	5.42
General	234.60	250.90†	-4.30	3.44
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.38	59.33	-0.46	8.73
Income	472.60	505.50	-3.70	4.93
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	83.74	89.02	-1.07	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	106.70	114.60	-2.40	...
Convertibles	52.46	56.10†	+0.01	6.90
Eastern	174.40	197.70	-1.50	1.60
Equity Income	79.69	84.77	-0.52	6.30
European Gth	223.20	237.30	-1.30	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	147.70	157.70	-0.20	1.90
Exempt	80.90	82.99	-0.88	3.60
German Growth	54.54	58.17	-0.45	0.70
Global Growth	103.60	110.40	-0.00	
Japan Growth	189.40	202.80	+6.60	...
Japan Sunrise	164.70	176.20	+7.50	...
Portfolio	114.20	122.20	-0.60	3.20
-do- Acc	203.50	217.80	-1.10	3.20
UK Growth	79.02	84.06	+0.24	2.90
UK Smaller Cos	81.10	86.73†	-0.61	1.90
Select Managers	61.47	65.98†	-0.60	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	102.43	109.55	-1.08	1.87
-do- Inc	93.12	99.59†	-0.98	1.87
Global Bond	28.66	30.40	-0.23	5.03
High Yield Acc	52.29	55.93	+0.03	4.43
-do- Inc	37.96	40.60†	+0.02	4.43
Smlr Cos Acc	88.65	94.81	+2.45	1.35
-do- Inc	81.46	87.14†	+1.73	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	54.78	58.59	-1.58	...
-do- Inc	53.76	57.50	-1.55	...
Euro Gth Acc	96.95	103.69	-0.32	1.07
-do- Inc	95.62	102.27	-0.31	1.07
Mngd P folio	33.73	36.07†	-0.27	1.40
Pacific Growth	95.69	102.35	+0.91	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	83.99	89.83	-1.18	0.67
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Financial	118.20	125.80	-1.60	3.33
Smaller Cos Acc	283.00	302.80	+3.60	...
Smaller Cos Inc	164.50	176.10†	+2.10	1.23
High Inc	69.51	74.72†	-0.44	7.01
Income	124.10	132.70†	-0.50	4.14
Mngd P folio Inc	91.97	97.95	-0.23	2.03
-do- Acc	173.80	185.10	-0.40	...
North American	96.73	103.00	-1.70	0.21
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	60.70	64.58†	-1.19	1.33
-do- Acc	68.43	72.80	-1.35	1.16
Income Fund S	208.90	222.30	-1.30	4.10
-do- Acc	486.10	517.20†	-3.00	4.02
Inv Portfolio	65.70	68.09	-0.97	2.02
-do- Acc	74.19	76.89	-1.09	2.03
Smaller Cos	125.20	133.20	+0.70	1.55
-do- Acc	150.40	160.00	+0.90	...
High Inc P folio	59.64	61.81	-0.50	4.63
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UK Growth	143.80	153.00	-2.20	2.12
UK Income	120.50	128.20†	-1.10	4.36
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	81.31	86.96†	+0.62	1.71
Growth	43.83	46.88	-0.51	2.08
Income	53.09	56.78	-0.27	4.31
Far East	47.34	50.63†	+1.54	0.16
North American	74.95	80.59†	-1.24	0.01
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-do- Acc	66.18	70.14	-0.78	0.91
Far East Gen	62.44	66.43†	+2.34	..
-do- Acc	62.44	66.43	+2.34	[illegible]
Glenfriars	236.10	251.20	-1.90	0.76
-do- Acc	265.80	282.80	-2.20	0.76
Growth	373.30	399.30	-1.40	3.13
-do- Acc	639.10	683.60	-2.30	2.33
Income Growth	370.60	394.30	-1.90	3.82
-do- Acc	492.80	524.30	-2.50	3.82
Master Portfolio	9206.0	9524.0†	-76.00	2.90
-do- Acc	10654.0	11022.0	-89.00	2.90
Special Sits	85.12	90.56	-0.99	2.29
-do- Acc	99.60	105.96	-1.17	2.29
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1196.0	1234.0	-14.00	4.32
-do- Acc	1386.0	1429.0	-16.00	4.32
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	180.00	191.90	-0.90	1.72
Capital	519.10	553.90†	-7.10	2.41
Eurotrack 100	124.80	132.80	-1.10	1.56
Euro Gth	77.82	82.87	-0.31	1.40
Far East Growth	87.81	93.71	+1.52	0.14
Global Bond	22.86	24.08	-0.21	6.21
Hong Kong	75.17	80.22	+1.90	0.56
Income	489.30	522.10†	-7.50	3.99
Intl Growth	71.56	76.37	+0.54	1.00
Japan Growth	266.30	284.10	+18.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	32.94	35.15	+1.81	...
Japan Index	76.54	81.68	+3.98	0.24
Nth American	399.80	426.60†	-1.20	1.01
S'pore Mly Gth	51.22	54.66	+1.51	...
The Foonie Fd	105.30	111.10	-1.80	2.66
Tiger Index	132.40	141.20	+0.20	0.71
UK Index	120.70	128.80	-1.60	3.02
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	79.45	84.89	+0.47	1.00
European P folio	70.21	74.69†	-0.60	1.38
Japanese P folio	62.54	66.36	-2.30	...
Pacific P folio	93.89	100.96	-0.07	1.16
Cazenove P folio	69.02	73.82	-0.11	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.36	65.89†	-0.31	5.00
Utility & Bond	46.90	49.54	-0.84	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	605.20	612.50	..	4.72
Fixed Int	155.75	156.30	..	9.28
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.90	597.49		5.00
-do- Acc	2331.6	2337.6	.	...
Deposit	5.65	..		...
Fxd Int Inc	127.00	127.01		9.13
-do- Acc	167.73	167.79	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.01	66.27	+0.30	2.31
Beckman Intl	78.74	83.12†	-2.50	3.19
Friars Hse Inc	179.91	193.45	+2.46	6.02
Friars Hse Cap	247.97	266.63	+1.73	2.73
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Japan Gth Acc	41.11	43.73	+1.98	..
Smaller Cos	33.81	35.97	+0.34	1.84
-do- Acc	38.09	40.52	+0.38	1.84
UK General	66.78	71.04	-2.16	2.49
-do- Acc	80.06	85.17	-2.59	2.49
Wwide Bd	60.92	64.69	-0.92	6.25
-do- Acc	78.29	83.14	-1.18	6.25
Wwide Sp Sits	54.62	58.42	-0.12	0.19
-do- Acc	56.90	60.86	+0.12	0.19
Quilter General	118.13	125.67†	-2.06	2.49
-do- Acc	131.26	139.64	-2.29	2.49
Quilter Income	92.11	97.99†	-1.19	3.87
-do- Acc	113.52	120.77	-1.46	3.87
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	76.07	80.93	-0.79	0.98
Japanese Acc	60.44	64.30	+2.94	..
UK Balncd Inc	124.40	132.30	-1.80	2.54
-do- Acc	145.20	154.50	-2.00	2.54
UK Growth Acc	203.90	216.90	-2.80	2.23
UK High Inc	133.60	142.10	-1.40	6.68
-do- Acc	157.70	167.80	-1.70	6.68
N America Acc	104.00	110.60	-1.30	0.35
European Acc	149.10	158.60	-1.60	0.44
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.53	63.16	-0.53	8.95
-do- Acc	96.06	101.90	-0.90	8.95
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	105.40	112.00	-0.20	0.45
UK Smlr Cos	192.60	204.60	+2.60	1.22
Eurofund	36.56	38.75	-0.24	1.01
Mngd Exempt	163.20	170.10†	-0.20	3.09
Growth Inc	208.50	223.70	-2.60	3.84
High Dist	138.10	146.70	-1.10	5.28
International	313.20	332.80	-1.60	0.98
Intl Income	77.96	82.23†	-0.45	3.12
Pacific	55.44	58.91	-0.39	0.51
Smllr Jap Cos	66.15	70.28	+2.90	..
Tokyo	201.30	213.90	+12.10	..
Japan Exempt	114.00	117.10	+5.80	0.43
Sm Jap Exempt	546.10	561.10	+13.00	0.09
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	115.20	122.40	-0.70	1.14
Australia	6.775	7.198	-0.15	1.11
Equity	182.60	194.00	-2.00	3.61
Euro Spec Sits	138.60	146.80	+0.30	0.58
Financial	38.53	40.94	-0.65	2.96
Global Opps Inc	86.08	91.46	+0.64	2.20
-do- Acc	89.22	94.80	+0.66	2.20
Gold Gen Inc	43.77	46.51	+2.53	0.92
-do- Acc	84.01	89.26†	+4.36	0.92
Income	118.90	126.30	-1.10	3.88
Japan General	155.50	165.10	+10.20	...
Preference	21.30	22.53†	-0.19	8.06
UK Capital	102.30	108.70	-0.30	3.10
Worldwide Cap	191.40	203.40	-0.70	3.17
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	168.70	179.40	-2.20	1.11
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	102.30	107.60†	-1.08	3.42
High Income	120.69	127.04	-0.41	4.80
Tst of Inv Tsts	140.50	147.89	-0.11	2.20
Special Sits	83.56	97.96	-0.58	2.86
North American	98.47	103.65	-0.25	1.08
Far Eastern	231.62	243.81	+5.63	1.48
Intl Growth	90.52	95.28	+0.74	1.49
European	61.90	66.16	-0.36	2.23
Smaller Cos	69.71	73.38	-0.33	2.22
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	218.00	231.60†	-0.10	3.62
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.60
European Tst	114.00	121.30	-0.10	.
High Income	24.45	25.73†	-0.22	5.82
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	88.71	93.91	-1.82	0.84
Far Eastern	132.50	141.80	+3.60	...
Oseas Income	85.15	91.25	-1.01	2.59
UK Growth	91.45	97.81	-0.14	1.16
UK Income	101.40	108.40	-0.40	3.66
US Smaller Cos	221.50	236.90	-7.20	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	388.50	415.40	-6.00	.
-do- Acc	396.90	424.40	-6.10	..
Capital	285.70	303.90	+2.50	1.93
-do- Acc	397.80	423.10	+3.30	1.93
Conti Smllr Cos	47.13	50.66	+0.24	0.92
-do- Acc	48.76	52.42	+0.26	0.92
Convertible	111.80	118.90	+0.30	6.55
-do- Acc	207.10	220.20	+0.60	6.55
European	94.45	101.00	-0.70	0.90
-do- Acc	97.60	104.40	-0.70	0.90
Extra Income	288.10	306.40	-0.20	4.14
-do- Acc	403.50	429.20	-0.10	4.14
Financial	100.70	108.20†	-1.40	0.59
-do- Acc	105.60	113.40†	-1.40	0.59
Health Fund Inc	104.00	111.10	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	104.00	111.10	+1.20	...
Income Tst	177.00	188.30	-1.10	3.69
-do- Acc	246.60	262.30	-1.60	3.69
Intl Growth	294.40	314.60	-1.40	..
-do- Acc	326.90	349.50	-1.60	..
Japan Gen	169.60	181.30	+7.00	..
-do- Acc	171.30	183.10	+7.10	..
Mngd P folio Inc	88.19	92.83†	-0.11	1.04
-do- Acc	92.45	97.31†	-0.11	1.04
Monthly Income	147.90	157.30†	+0.60	4.10
Recovery	278.60	297.90	-0.50	0.70
-do- Acc	326.30	348.90	-0.50	0.70
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	341.27	363.06	-5.93	2.95
-do- Acc	689.06	733.04	-11.96	2.95
Euro Gth Dist	103.13	109.71	-0.15	0.86
-do- Acc	106.21	112.99	-0.14	0.86
Fixed Int Dist	128.01	135.40†	-1.40	6.44
-do- Acc	215.06	227.48†	-2.39	6.44
Intl Gth Dist	74.32	79.06	+0.30	0.80
-do- Acc	76.87	81.78	+0.32	0.80
Nth Amer Dist	158.04	167.43	-1.38	0.92
-do- Acc	171.38	181.57	-1.50	0.92
Pac Basin Dist	236.88	252.00	+5.19	0.28
-do- Acc	240.61	255.97	+5.27	0.28
Stewardship Dist	296.85	315.80	+0.14	1.91
-do- Acc	351.21	373.63	+0.18	1.91
Stwd Inc Dist	62.59	66.58	+0.25	3.49
-do- Acc	76.68	81.57	+0.29	3.49
N Am Stwd Dist	89.69	95.42	-1.49	...
-do- Acc	94.88	100.94	-1.58	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	128.40	137.40†	-3.00	...
European	388.30	413.30	-2.60	1.03
Far East General	215.60	230.60	+3.40	0.31
Germany	94.99	100.50	-2.50	0.45
Global Assets In	65.47	69.90	-0.45	2.31
Global Assets Ac	68.60	73.24	-0.47	2.28
Income Inc	115.90	124.00	+1.00	7.09
International	253.30	270.80	-0.90	1.03
Intl Income	75.89	80.68	-1.01	4.94
Japan General	352.60	374.50†	+1.30	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.38	49.61	+0.60	6.12
UK Capital Inc	157.80	168.80	...	3.95
-do- Acc	269.90	288.70	-0.10	3.88
Uk Spec Sits	71.95	76.96	+0.31	1.65
US General	106.90	113.80	-2.50	0.12
W wide Spec Sits	111.90	119.30	-0.30	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.23	46.23	-0.72	1.67
Cash Trust*	128.33	128.33	+0.10	5.66
Pracr Inv Inc	100.03	107.27†	-0.68	4.06
-do- Acc	214.75	230.29†	-1.46	4.06
UK Smaller Cos	96.61	103.60	+0.79	1.23
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.81	26.53†	+0.05	7.99
High Inc	30.97	33.12	-0.26	5.04
UK Equity Inc	125.36	134.07	-1.90	3.96
Global Bond	28.43	29.48†	-0.45	5.87
International Funds				
Gold Intl	74.70	80.11	+7.42	1.22
Frontier Markets	39.28	42.12†	-0.34	0.43
Global Inc Gth	113.66	121.24†	-1.52	2.27
UK Intl	108.39	115.93	-1.74	0.56
Overseas Funds				
American	119.19	127.04	-2.44	0.51
European	78.75	83.52	-0.87	0.69
Euro Sel Opps	91.11	97.10	-0.56	0.85
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	121.96	130.44	-0.08	0.37
American Gth	112.83	120.67	-1.75	...
European Gth	65.72	70.22	-1.09	0.42
German Horizn	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	76.69	82.02	+3.39	...
Pacific Inc	136.53	146.02	+3.00	2.85
Pacific Strategy	112.96	120.81	+0.89	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.77	75.61	-2.16	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.74	50.26	-0.84	2.70
UK Small Cos	45.07	48.21†	+1.29	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.90	130.90†	+0.10	4.86
Gilt Fixed	117.10	124.20	-1.70	6.63
Growth Equity	280.80	300.00	-5.60	2.11
Guardhill	412.60	440.80	-7.90	2.39
Income Trust	106.80	114.10	-2.10	3.43
International	150.50	160.70	-0.30	0.37
Japan Trust	122.20	130.50	+5.10	...
Nth American	236.10	252.20†	-3.20	0.49
Pacific	356.70	381.00†	-2.70	..
European	332.70	355.40	-3.20	0.58
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	33.89	35.93	-0.74	1.86
-do- Acc	35.47	37.60	-0.78	1.86
Inc Adv Inc	28.73	30.46	-0.63	4.24
-do- Acc	29.86	31.66	-0.65	4.24
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690340				
Canadian	71.27	76.35	+0.27	0.93
Equity Income	111.70	118.80	-1.10	3.39
European	128.20	135.80†	-1.50	0.89
Intl Situation	72.42	77.04	-0.06	...
Japanese	139.80	148.30	+4.40	...
North American	94.04	99.78	-0.32	...
Scandinavian	108.60	114.80	+2.50	0.44
Smaller Cos	30.14	32.06	+1.09	2.00
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	81.90	87.58†	-2.47	...
Asian Enterprise	120.47	130.28	-0.82	0.73
Australian	132.36	141.48†	+0.82	1.26
European	355.99	376.81†	-1.07	1.38
European Inc	67.64	71.56	-0.47	3.13
Euro Smll Co	119.13	127.19	-0.73	0.69
Extra Income	253.88	270.27†	-1.90	4.55
Family of Funds	67.96	72.53	-0.70	1.31
Fixed Interest	54.64	58.13†	-0.27	8.07
Global Resour	92.10	98.86	+2.63	0.86
High Inc	279.08	298.30†	-1.42	4.21
Income Gth	233.58	248.75	-1.87	3.37
-do- Acc	587.80	626.00	-4.70	3.37
International	221.10	235.52†	+2.18	0.85
Japan Spc Sit	231.22	246.04	+13.08	...
Japan	200.99	213.61	+13.07	...
N Amer	204.57	217.68	-4.65	0.22
Pacific Smllr Cos	175.08	188.76†	+4.40	0.37
Pref Gilt	44.97	48.87†	+0.03	8.33
Smaller Cos Div	158.81	173.10†	+0.05	3.98
Special Sits	254.07	271.84	-1.70	2.03
-do- Acc	391.49	418.89	-2.61	2.03
Best of British	54.29	58.18	-0.66	2.34
Spirit of the East	57.63	61.66†	+0.86	0.42
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	86.77	92.85	-0.84	2.44
Capital	152.40	162.90	-0.60	2.02
Dollar	285.40	305.20	-4.90	0.07
European	198.20	201.20	-0.80	0.60
Far East	225.80	241.40	+2.90	0.52
Financial	668.80	715.20†	+3.20	2.00
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.24	26.22	+0.01	8.14
High Yield	98.55	105.40	-0.70	4.79
Income	132.30	139.30	-4.20	3.79
Intl	205.70	220.00	+0.70	0.27
Japan Tech	69.32	74.13	+4.52	..
Nat Resources	56.99	59.98	+1.80	0.71
Security	292.30	312.60†	+0.40	2.15
Smaller Cos	108.90	116.40†	+2.70	1.49
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	23.75	26.05	+0.43	1.59
Special Features	26.33	27.97†	-0.23	1.67
-do- Acc	31.08	33.02†	-0.33	1.67
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.61	55.33	-0.80	1.93
Assets Earnings	68.76	73.05	-1.13	1.94
do Acc	80.80	85.85	-1.32	1.94
Managed Invest	83.75	89.54	+0.46	1.23
Rupert Children	73.14	78.04†	-1.53	1.86
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.45	50.45	+0.04	4.43
Extra Inc	77.34	82.90	-0.63	4.90
Gilt	27.41	28.85	-0.27	6.84
Income Gth	37.67	40.29†	-0.39	3.50
MIMstar	73.96	75.71†	-0.52	8.11
Preference	17.68	19.36	-0.04	6.18
UK Income	299.70	320.50†	-4.00	2.99
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	53.96	57.33	-1.12	1.32
Property Shares	59.33	63.03†	-0.01	1.88
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	141.30	148.50	-1.70	3.77
European Acc	105.90	112.30	-0.80	1.67
European Dist	100.80	106.90	-0.80	1.67
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	46.04	49.03†	-0.54	0.95
European Perf	104.60	111.00	-0.50	1.09
-do- Acc	106.50	113.10	-0.50	1.09
Euro Small Cos	20.56	21.89	-0.02	0.76
French Growth	65.66	69.27	...	0.53
-do- Acc	69.52	74.00	...	0.53
Hong K/China	65.92	70.89	+0.65	1.75
Intl Growth	48.74	51.78	+0.18	0.68
-do- Acc	48.74	51.78	+0.18	0.67
Japan Perf	34.61	36.76	+2.45	...
Accum Units	34.61	36.76	+2.45	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.59	36.78	+1.35	...
Singapore Asean	74.05	80.29	+0.95	0.31
-do- Acc	74.51	80.79	+0.96	0.31
South East Asia	215.80	232.90†	+1.40	1.02
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.20	69.54†	+0.05	5.12
Extra Income	50.70	53.94	-0.13	6.79
Gilt Yield	116.70	123.20	-1.30	7.48
Global Income	191.70	203.90	-2.40	4.30
High Yield	130.20	138.50†	-1.60	5.97
Smllr Cos Div	46.25	49.20	+0.08	4.43
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	83.96	89.32	-1.61	..
North American	70.21	74.69	-0.52	0.43
European	125.90	133.90	...	0.87
Euro Special	76.85	81.75	+0.56	0.94
General	256.90	273.30	-3.90	3.26
Japan	401.20	426.80†	+18.30	..
Japanese Special	211.30	224.80†	+4.10	..
Master Acc	209.50	222.90	-0.20	1.39
Pacific	251.80	267.90†	+1.80	0.60
Smaller Cos	98.61	104.90	+3.30	2.00
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	71.00	75.56	-0.92	0.88
Extra Income	23.27	24.76†	-0.39	3.30
Far East	25.77	27.41†	+0.28	0.96
Income Gwth	71.22	75.77	-0.66	2.97
Intl Growth	49.08	52.85†	-0.16	0.76
Japan	63.10	67.13	+2.22	..
Maximum Dist*	99.12	101.10†	-0.10	6.73
N Amer Equity	36.12	38.43	-0.36	0.50
UK Equity	83.90	89.25†	-1.59	2.98
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.34	55.68	-0.80	4.49
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	411.90	438.20	-6.50	2.95
Equity Acc	782.00	831.90	-12.30	2.95
Equity Income	89.46	95.17	-0.34	5.19
European	92.36	98.26	+0.06	1.74
Far Eastern	177.20	188.50	+5.40	0.31
Fixed Interest	50.77	54.01†	-0.16	6.46
Gth	88.27	93.61†	-0.80	6.57
Global Growth	63.52	67.57	+0.41	0.77
Intl Bond	54.19	57.65	-0.62	4.93
Japanese	69.20	73.62	+4.50	...
Overseas Equity	91.77	97.63	-0.23	0.81
Pacific Gth	82.17	87.41†	+0.61	1.28
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	307.00	326.60	-5.80	2.86
-do- Acc	664.80	707.30	-12.50	2.86
Contl Euro Gth	48.82	51.39	-0.75	1.54
-do- Acc	51.63	54.35	-0.78	1.54
Extra Inc	235.20	250.30	-3.10	3.29
-do- Acc	572.10	608.70	-7.50	3.79
German Gth	97.40	102.60	-2.10	0.35
-do- Acc	102.20	107.60	-2.20	0.35
Growth Port	475.30	505.70	-3.30	1.49
-do- Acc	475.30	505.70	-3.30	1.49
Income	433.90	461.70†	-5.50	3.58
-do- Acc	1113.0	1185.0	-14.00	3.58
Income Port	477.10	507.00†	-3.90	4.61
-do- Acc	481.80	511.90	-4.00	4.61
Japan Growth	92.36	98.26	+2.86	0.01
-do- Acc	92.69	98.61	+2.87	0.01
Master Trust	50.28	53.49	-0.48	1.59
-do- Acc	54.67	58.17	-0.53	1.59
N American Gen	166.60	177.30	-1.90	0.01
-do- Acc	192.50	204.80	-2.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	121.80	129.60	-1.40	0.01
-do- Acc	124.30	132.30	-1.40	0.01
Pacific Basin	196.90	209.50	+1.20	0.56
-do- Acc	208.10	221.40	+1.20	0.56
Small Cos Rec	295.80	311.40†	+0.10	2.22
-do- Acc	385.20	405.50	+4.00	2.22
UK Growth	75.66	80.49	-2.21	2.35
-do- Acc	88.21	93.85	-2.58	2.35
Worldwide Gth	262.70	279.50	-1.40	0.29
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	75.59	81.11	-1.44	3.10
Income	58.40	62.66†	-0.48	5.90
International	54.70	58.69	+0.21	0.80
American	55.24	59.27	-0.66	0.40
Japan	52.77	56.62	+2.94	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.52	57.43†	-0.35	2.10
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	360.70	380.70	-3.50	0.85
-do- Acc	445.10	469.80	-4.30	0.85
American Rec	379.30	401.10†	-10.10	0.21
-do- Acc	434.60	459.50	-11.70	0.21
Am Sm Co Acc	107.40	113.50	-1.40	0.04
Australia Acc	145.50	153.90	+2.80	1.29
Capital	640.60	677.40	-1.50	2.60
-do- Acc	706.90	747.50	-1.60	2.60
Commodity Acc	410.20	433.70	+9.90	0.81
Compnd Gth	798.70	844.50	-9.00	2.94
Dividend	34.70	36.70	-0.20	4.22
-do- Acc	134.90	142.70	-0.90	4.22
Equity Inc	288.10	304.70	+1.80	4.85
European Div	57.40	60.70	-0.30	4.42
-do- Acc	64.90	68.60	-0.30	4.42
European Gen	368.50	389.70	-4.90	1.73
-do- Acc	460.40	486.90	-6.10	1.73
Extra Yield	368.00	389.20†	-2.30	4.30
-do- Acc	1076.1	1138.1	-6.70	4.30
Far Eastern	287.00	303.50	+10.70	0.70
-do- Acc	377.60	399.20	+14.00	0.70
Fund of Inv	482.60	510.40	-4.30	2.28
-do- Acc	870.80	921.00	-7.60	2.28
General	52.20	55.20	-0.50	3.61
-do- Acc	137.40	145.40	-1.40	3.61
Gilt Fxd Int	60.90	61.00	-0.70	8.06
do Acc	150.50	150.70	-1.70	8.06
Gold	47.10	49.80	+4.70	1.16
-do- Acc	55.10	58.20	+5.40	1.16
High Inc	24.50	25.90	...	4.57
-do- Acc	90.70	96.10	...	4.57
Intl Growth	66.10	70.10	+0.50	0.90
-do- Acc	113.90	120.90	+0.80	0.90
Intl Inc	88.40	93.50†	-0.30	4.67
Japan Gen Acc	48.80	51.50	-2.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	141.00	149.10	+3.10	...
Midland	51.50	54.50†	-0.40	3.56
-do- Acc	164.70	174.40	-1.30	3.56
Recovery	35.70	37.80	...	2.75
-do- Acc	56.10	59.40	...	2.75
Second Gen	59.10	62.50	-0.30	3.60
-do- Acc	144.60	152.90	-0.70	3.60
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	131.90	141.10	-1.00	2.10
-do- Acc	146.50	156.70	-1.10	2.10
UK Income	111.00	118.70	-1.10	2.76
-do- Acc	123.80	132.30	-1.30	2.76
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	74.81	80.01	+0.08	0.85
Far East (Pacific)	132.40	140.50	+3.00	0.67
Income Growth	70.50	74.84	-0.96	4.22
European	64.82	68.81	-0.04	1.32
Nth American	54.03	57.35	-0.43	1.16
UK Growth	73.95	75.90	-1.03	1.64
Intl Growth	89.35	94.85†	+0.92	0.59
Charities	107.10	113.60	-1.40	4.10
Intl Income	65.46	69.48	-1.31	4.61
Japan	51.81	54.99	+2.50	0.08
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	175.50	186.30	-3.00	...
-do- Acc	187.50	199.10	-3.20	...
Cash	100.20	100.20†	-1.00	5.64
-do- Acc	128.90	128.90†	+0.10	5.64
European Gth	184.10	195.10	-2.60	0.82
-do- Acc	197.10	208.90	-2.70	0.82
General	445.50	475.20†	-7.80	2.55
-do- Acc	847.40	903.90†	-14.80	2.55
Global Dis	127.90	134.50†	-1.20	5.43
-do- Acc	143.20	150.40†	-1.50	5.43
Income	134.20	143.20	-1.90	4.76
-do- Acc	196.50	209.50	-2.80	4.76
International	367.80	391.70	-1.10	0.71
-do- Acc	487.90	519.50	-1.50	0.71
Japan	174.50	185.30	+5.50	..
-do- Acc	179.10	190.00	+5.60	..
New Europe	130.90	139.70	-1.30	1.86
-do- Acc	133.10	142.00	-1.30	1.86
Recovery	285.60	304.70	-1.00	2.94
-do- Acc	361.10	385.20	-1.40	2.94
European Inc	71.27	75.76	-0.71	3.22
-do- Acc	90.42	96.11	-0.89	3.22
Brit Blue Chip	69.91	74.48†	-1.23	3.38
-do- Acc	82.46	87.85†	-1.44	3.38
Portfolio	71.42	75.97†	-0.64	2.99
-do- Acc	81.22	86.34†	-0.73	2.99
Gold General	97.37	104.70	-16.96	0.90
-do- Acc	98.67	106.10	-17.15	0.90
Pacific	86.51	92.28	-0.27	0.41
-do- Acc	91.45	97.55	-0.28	0.91
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	55.60	59.47†	-0.50	3.05
-do- Acc	56.44	60.36	-0.51	3.05
British Dist	74.34	79.51	-1.40	2.06
-do- Acc	84.16	90.01	-1.58	2.06
European Gth	160.30	171.20	-1.40	0.33
-do- Acc	201.30	214.90	-1.80	0.33
Extra High Inc	66.71	71.35†	-0.27	6.35
-do- Acc	117.30	125.50	-0.50	6.35
FT-SE 100 Index	46.89	50.15	-0.88	2.70
-do- Acc	46.89	50.15	-0.88	2.70
Gilt Fixed Int	55.14	57.40	-0.47	6.88
-do- Acc	145.00	151.00	-1.20	6.88
High Yield	213.60	228.50	-1.90	4.61
-do- Acc	490.20	524.30	-4.50	4.61
Income	269.30	288.00	-5.10	3.54
-do- Acc	559.90	598.80	-10.50	3.54
Japan Gth	335.50	358.80	+20.20	...
-do- Acc	354.10	378.70	+21.30	...
Mandarin Acc	92.27	98.68	-0.39	1.22
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	238.60	254.10	-3.90	...
Deposit Inc	100.13	100.13	+0.08	5.04
Deposit Acc	122.10	122.10	+0.10	5.04
Euro Gth Acc	259.20	276.90	+1.60	..
Europa	117.90	127.00	+0.10	..
Intl Gth	160.90	171.90	+1.00	...
Japan Tracker	74.04	78.38	+3.35	..
UK Equity Inc	142.60	153.70†	-0.60	4.27
-do- Acc	174.70	188.30†	-0.80	4.27
UK Ind Tracker	138.00	147.80	-2.50	3.28
US Eq Ind Tdr	178.50	189.20†	-1.30	1.54
-do- Acc	188.80	200.20†	-1.30	1.54
Asian Trader	145.50	157.60†	-0.20	0.50
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	153.90	157.60	-1.50	2.44
European	58.71	60.01	-0.60	0.92
Olympiad	51.35	52.65	-0.29	0.41
Global Bond	46.47	46.99	-0.74	6.63
Smaller Cos	63.55	66.30	-0.17	1.24
Equity Income	90.33	92.76	-1.64	5.19
UK Growth	80.44	82.76†	-1.07	2.09
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	43.78	46.69	-0.19	0.96
Australian Acc	283	303.60	-4.80	..
Conscience	62.74	66.95	-0.10	0.93
-do- Acc	67.37	71.89	-0.10	0.93
European	159.10	169.70†	-1.50	1.14
-do- Acc	171.20	182.60	-1.50	1.14
Extra Income	71.11	75.89	-0.58	5.85
-do- Acc	107.50	114.70	-0.90	5.85
Far East Gth	157.30	168.10	+6.40	0.14
Gilt/Fxd Inc	56.95	60.28	-0.64	6.57
Gold	36.98	39.76	+4.41	...
-do- Acc	39.80	42.82	+4.75	...
Income	51.54	54.97	+0.05	5.11
-do- Acc	154.50	164.70	+0.10	5.11
International	27.85	29.88	+0.26	1.10
-do- Acc	40.03	42.94	+0.38	1.10
Jap Sm Cos Acc	311.60	332.30	+14.30	..
S'pore Mly Acc	167.50	179.90	+7.30	..
Smllr Cos Acc	24.85	26.71†	+0.48	2.06
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	65.61	69.80	-1.32	2.85
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.37	77.65	-0.76	7.16
N&P Higher Inc	189.50	201.60	-1.60	4.53
N&P UK Income	99.38	105.73	-1.02	3.84
N&P Intl	85.86	89.29†	-0.56	1.82
N&P Smaller Cos	73.79	78.51†	+0.16	1.56
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	154.55	164.42†	-1.27	2.33
Global	264.63	281.53†	-2.68	1.14
Growth	102.81	109.38†	-0.85	2.55
Income	192.17	204.44†	-3.20	4.40
Intl Bond	121.62	129.03†	-1.53	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	135.10	142.20	-1.90	2.54
-do- Acc	234.00	249.30	-3.20	2.54
Income	210.00	223.30†	-3.30	3.62
Intl Equity	212.80	226.30	+1.10	0.98
-do- Acc	233.00	247.80	+1.20	0.98
Equity	210.80	224.30	-3.70	2.41
-do- Acc	427.40	454.60	-7.70	2.41
UK Intl 25 Acc	66.73	70.98	-0.76	1.96
UK Income	58.39	62.12	-0.84	3.08
UK Smllr Co Acc	70.75	75.26	+0.53	1.52
New Europe Acc	58.55	62.28	-0.45	1.45
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	85.96	91.94	+0.92	0.22
PEP Gth Inc	95.14	101.76	-0.30	1.11
Intl Gth	456.35	488.08	-7.95	0.76
Income	287.84	307.86†	-0.81	3.52
W wide Recov	291.43	311.69	+8.59	0.56
American Gth	188.39	201.49	-2.28	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	173.95	186.05	+1.92	0.05
Far East Gth	205.08	219.34	+6.56	0.01
European Gth	107.49	114.97	-1.23	1.18
UK Growth	74.01	79.16	-0.16	3.04
High Income	79.80	85.45	-0.41	4.55
Japanese Gth	207.61	220.77	+11.75	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	167.10	177.80†	+2.10	0.90
High Income	105.80	112.50†	+0.70	3.76
Conv Gilt	111.20	118.30	+3.10	6.46
Far East	292.80	311.50†	+5.70	0.40
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	45.84	48.77	-0.43	0.60
Emerging Mkts	59.26	63.06	-1.61	0.24
General	45.84	48.77	-0.93	3.51
International	79.88	84.98†	-0.54	1.34
Gilt Units	28.85	29.91	-1.08	8.21
Global PEP	33.40	35.53†	-0.62	2.20
Income Gth	62.87	66.88	-0.69	5.26
European	40.94	43.55†	-0.38	1.22
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.30	26.91†	-0.14	6.19
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Priceboard: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	29.97	32.05	+0.15	1.64
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.73	101.73†	+0.08	5.47
-do- Acc	104.81	104.81†	+0.09	5.47
Pru Equity	633.54	677.58†	-10.89	2.50
Pru Equity Inc	78.18	83.61	-1.09	4.60
Pru European	164.60	176.04	-0.86	1.92
Pru Global Gth	76.10	81.39	-0.35	1.56
Pru High Inc	84.20	90.05†	-1.16	5.71
Pru Intl	153.54	164.21	-1.12	1.32
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.59	69.08†	+0.38	0.93
Pru Japanese	196.57	210.23†	+13.06	..
Pru Nth Amer	132.14	141.32	-2.86	0.49
Pru Pacific Mkt	70.84	75.76	+0.56	1.86
Pru Premr Inc	48.11	50.09†	-0.52	7.64
Pru Smllr Cos	80.61	86.21†	+0.12	2.01
Pru Spec Sits	94.97	101.57	-1.44	2.28
Pru UK Grwth	106.09	113.46†	-1.56	2.39
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	149.64	160.99	-2.20	3.68
NC Japan	267.21	286.33	+14.32	...
NC Maj UK Cos	90.22	97.09	-2.16	2.48
NC America Inc	441.06	473.54	-4.87	0.90
-do- Acc	512.30	550.01	-5.66	0.90
NC Smlr UK Cos	252.71	275.71†	+1.96	1.54
NC European	242.50	258.91	-1.88	1.35
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	68.14	72.48†	-0.81	4.05
Capital Units	138.00	146.80	-1.10	1.43
Commodity	97.41	103.60	+4.03	1.26
European Gth	143.50	152.60	-2.40	1.40
Financial Sec	163.60	174.00	-4.20	1.94
High Return	207.60	220.80	-3.00	4.62
High Yield	198.80	211.40†	-2.20	3.82
Income Units	105.30	112.00	-2.80	4.91
Investment	165.50	176.00†	-1.30	1.13
Japan Gth	147.50	156.90	+7.70	...
Japan Smaller	172.40	183.40†	+2.00	..
Masterfund	44.17	46.98	-0.21	0.96
Scotbits	237.50	252.60	-6.50	1.87
Scotshares	252.90	269.00	+5.40	2.74
Scotyields	215.80	229.50	-3.40	4.03
Select Intl	123.40	131.20†	+0.20	0.75
Smaller Cos	218.10	232.00†	+2.70	4.14
Special Situation	108.80	115.70	+1.30	0.73
UK Equity	216.20	230.00	-3.90	3.91
US Growth	128.50	136.70	-1.30	0.41
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	222.65	237.49	+2.56	0.58
-do- Acc	240.54	256.57	+2.77	0.58
Australian	123.52	131.75	-4.89	0.91
-do- Acc	145.21	154.89	-5.75	0.91
UK Enterprise	203.78	217.36†	-0.64	2.61
-do- Acc	235.40	251.10	-0.73	2.61
European Gth	58.08	61.95†	-0.45	1.32
-do- Acc	60.13	64.13	-0.46	1.32
Euro Smllr Cos	54.60	58.24†	-0.61	0.35
-do- Acc	54.98	58.63	-0.62	0.35
Far Eastern Gth	66.53	70.96	+1.24	..
-do- Acc	67.60	72.10	+1.26	..
Fixed Interest	50.94	53.77†	-0.54	8.80
-do- Acc	61.86	65.30	-0.66	8.80
Gilt Income	100.46	105.88†	-1.43	8.65
-do- Acc	140.31	147.88†	-2.00	8.65
Income	300.26	320.27†	-1.56	4.06
-do- Acc	885.66	944.72	-4.59	4.06
Japan Enterprise	66.30	70.72†	+4.60	...
-do- Acc	66.30	70.72	+4.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	431.67	460.44†	+22.81	...
-do- Acc	432.53	461.36	+22.86	...
Pacific Gth	87.79	93.64	+0.58	0.46
-do- Acc	90.40	96.42	+0.60	0.46
Smaller Cos	183.40	195.62†	+0.64	1.04
-do- Acc	210.18	224.19	+0.73	1.04
Tokyo	105.47	112.50†	+8.01	...
-do- Acc	106.54	113.64	+8.09	...
UK Equity	200.77	214.15†	-1.81	2.75
-do- Acc	371.80	396.59	-3.35	2.75
US Smllr Cos	122.25	130.40	-1.56	...
-do- Acc	122.25	130.40	-1.56	...
World Fd	67.67	72.18	-0.36	1.69
-do- Acc	71.35	76.10	-0.38	1.69
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	42.80	45.58	+0.87	4.43
Equity Strategy	62.04	66.07	-1.28	1.30
European Opps	68.85	73.32	-1.22	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.62	101.17	+0.09	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	49.99	53.24	+0.54	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	333.80	356.60	-5.60	2.84
American	226.00	240.20	-5.00	0.97
Pacific	318.30	340.40	+8.50	0.64
European	435.10	465.30	-5.70	1.23
Worldwide	75.91	81.16	+0.01	1.21
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	292.00	310.70	-6.60	2.65
UK Sm Cos Eqty	198.90	211.60	-3.50	1.90
European	315.80	336.00†	-3.90	2.12
North American	231.00	245.80†	-0.10	0.57
Income Plus Inc	63.32	67.37†	-0.80	3.74
UK Spec Sits	65.26	69.43†	-0.08	2.30
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.57	26.30†	+0.41	3.06
Intl Growth Acc	27.92	29.88†	+0.32	1.23
Global Inc Acc	30.33	32.46	-0.12	3.87
Market Ldrs Acc	25.21	26.98	-0.51	3.97
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	74.90	80.10†	-2.59	...
Euro Spec Sits	43.98	46.77†	+0.18	
-do- Acc	46.57	49.52	+0.19	.
Far East Opps	30.19	32.45	+0.12	...
-do- Acc	31.02	33.34	+0.12	..
General Growth	96.44	103.20	-1.40	2.06
Global Tech	107.70	116.60	-0.10	...
Income Growth	99.69	107.20	-0.70	3.49
Income Monthly	57.13	61.10	+0.67	4.21
Japan Growth	79.67	84.71	+3.73	...
Overseas Gth	71.92	76.63	-0.12	...
Smaller Cos	71.15	76.50†	+0.67	1.62
Special Opps	100.00	107.50	+0.50	2.15
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	104.34	...	...	...
Global Bond	105.01	...	...	7.50
Japan Samurai	104.34	.	..	..
UK Growth	104.34	..	..	4.20
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	42.21	44.85	-0.01	1.86
Equity Gth Acc	57.12	60.69	-1.16	1.61
UK Eq General	40.36	42.89†	-1.31	2.44
-do- Acc	53.36	56.70	-1.74	2.44
European Acc	39.57	42.05	-0.47	1.20
Far East Acc	52.82	56.13	+0.15	0.29
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.43	31.13†	-0.36	6.79
N American Acc	40.09	42.60	-0.88	0.85
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	261.50	283.80	-1.40	1.34
UK Eq High Inc	34.19	36.33†	-0.64	3.89
-do- Acc	40.60	43.14	-0.76	3.89
UK Lgr Cos Inc	279.20	303.00†	-8.20	3.96
UK Lgr Cos Acc	363.50	394.50	-10.70	3.86
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.57	NZ$3.79	+0.01	1.13
US Eq	$2.042	$2.169	-0.04	0.80
Far East Eq	Y244.3	Y259.5	+9.50	9.50
Japan Eq	Y239.2	Y254.1	-2.90	.
FT Europe	108.40	115.10	-2.50	2.20
FT North Am	$1.678	$1.780	-0.03	1.09
FT Japan	Y239.2	Y254.1	+10.20	.
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.851	$1.966	+0.03	1.72
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	316.60	336.90	-3.70	0.32
British	907.60	960.20	-11.10	4.40
European	384.10	409.10	+2.90	1.46
Japan	138.70	147.30	+4.30	..
New Pacific	279.00	297.10	-6.80	1.32
Mngd Cash	95.65	95.65†	+0.07	4.95
Majority Stg	99.82	100.82†	-0.07	4.93
Inv Tst	177.30	190.10	-0.90	1.87
Saints PPP	366.90	386.20	...	..
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	704.20	753.20	-11.40	2.84
N America Acc	104.70	112.00	-1.70	0.08
Far East Acc	117.60	125.80	+1.80	..
W wide Bond	58.21	61.79†	-1.16	5.68
European	79.33	84.84	-0.32	0.57
Equity Income	79.96	85.54	-1.13	3.77
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	31.98	34.21	-0.19	0.59
Managed Assets	114.35	122.30	-1.04	3.30
UK Income	35.42	37.89	-0.65	3.04
UK Growth	35.05	37.49	-0.52	2.35
Worldwide Gth	29.62	31.68	+0.19	0.48
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	188.60	200.91	-3.66	0.01
-do- Acc	207.42	220.66	-4.03	0.01
British Gth	82.85	88.14†	-0.21	1.84
-do- Acc	97.49	103.71†	-0.24	1.84
European	91.15	96.97	-0.52	0.83
-do- Acc	96.14	102.28	+0.54	0.83
Extra Inc	180.94	192.49	-1.20	3.84
-do- Acc	288.65	307.07	-1.91	3.84
General Unit	255.25	271.54	-0.12	2.47
-do- Acc	503.66	535.81	-0.23	2.47
Income	316.67	336.88	-0.90	3.42
-do- Acc	645.00	686.17	+1.83	3.42
International	463.05	492.61†	+2.08	0.51
-do- Acc	606.14	644.83†	+2.72	0.51
Pacific	323.96	344.64	+2.48	...
-do- Acc	339.28	360.94	+2.60	...
Premier Income	49.56	51.03†	-0.45	6.65
-do- Acc	103.32	107.63†	-0.94	6.65
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
European Opps	59.16	63.05	-0.06	0.47
-do- Acc	59.78	63.71	-0.06	0.47
Far East Opps	144.76	154.41†	+1.73	..
-do- Acc	148.13	158.00†	+1.77	..
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	14.83	15.77	+1.12	0.50
Pacific Basin	30	31.91	+0.34	0.60
Canadian Gth	35	37.23	-0.14	...
Global Bond	$0.972	$1.012	-0.01	7.38
Penny Share	21.96	23.36	+0.84	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.62	52.62	+0.05	5.83
Gilt Growth	64.91	67.54	-0.77	..
Gilt Income	51.13	53.20†	-0.52	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	105.40	106.80†	-0.70	..
US Govmnt Bd	$0.715	$0.725	...	...
Challenger	87.91	89.95	-1.53	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.35	70.58	-0.30	2.13

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	8,100	Carlton Cms	817	Land Secs	639	Scot Hydro	1,500
Abbey Natl	1,200	Coats Vly	1,000	Legal & Gn	515	Scot & New	1,100
Alld-Lyons	1,500	Cm Union	1,800	Lloyds Bk	1,400	Scot Power	625
Anglian W	1,900	Courtaulds	313	MB Cardn	1,800	Sears	5,600
Argyll Gp	2,000	De La Rue	164	Marks Spr	2,100	Svrn Trent	922
Arjo Wiggn	144	Eng China C	481	NFC	1,000	Shell Trans	5,800
AB Foods	446	Enterpr Oil	1,100	NatWst Bk	3,300	Siebe	1,100
BAA	832	Fisons	2,400	Nat Power	435	SmKl Bch	3,100
BAT Inds	3,400	Forte	2,900	Nth Wst W	2,100	Smth Nph	10,000
BOC	588	GRE	1,200	Nthrn Fds	1,200	Sthrn Elec	254
BP	3,500	GUS A	198	P & O	815	Std Chartd	215
BT	8,000	Gen Acc	1,000	Pearson	1,100	Sun Allnce	1,000
BTR	2,400	Gen Elec	3,100	PowerGen	211	TI Gp	2,100
Bk of Scot	2,600	Glaxo	2,400	Prudential	2,300	TSB	1,400
Barclays	3,400	Granada	1,900	RTZ	1,600	Tate & Lyle	1,800
Bass	1,400	Grand Met	2,800	Rank Org	2,400	Tesco	4,300
Blue Circle	1,600	Guinness	1,700	Reckitt Col	552	Thames W	2,300
Boots	2,700	HSBC	4,000	Redland	1,900	Thrn EMI	1,000
Bowater	718	Hanson	3,300	Reed Intl	805	Tomkins	1,900
Brit Airwys	1,200	ICI	1,900	Rentokil	1,300	Unilever	1,200
Brit Gas	4,500	Inchcape	1,700	Reuters	2,300	Utd Bisc	3,600
Brit Steel	2,600	Kingfisher	1,700	Rothmans	491	Vodafone	2,500
Burmah Cast	97	Kwik Save	340	Ryl Ins	878	Wellcome	520
Cable Wire	2,600	LASMO	2,600	Ryl Bk Scot	1,000	Whitbd 'A'	1,600
Cadbury	1,500	Ladbroke	6,000	Sainsbury	2,000	Wlms Hld	987

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3438.89 (+13.77)
S&P Composite .... 441.38 (+2.49)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20919.18 (+464.61)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 6830.51 (-53.54)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 107.6 (-1.3)

Sydney: AO .... 1681.5 (+1.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1627.19 (+3.25)

FT 30 share: .... 2221.4 (+21.1)

Brussels:
General .... 6063.88 (+15.44)

Paris: CAC .... 521.14 (-4.64)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 485.3 (+3.7)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1388.88 (+11.67)
FT 500 .... 1517.43 (+14.01)
FT Gold Mines .... 146.9 (-6.4)
FT Fixed Interest .... 110.74 (-0.21)
FT Govt Secs .... 94.70 (+0.11)
Bargains 26468
SEAQ Volume 526.1m
USM (Datastrm) .... 134.15 (+0.15)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 26	May 7	July 29	August 9

Call options were taken out on 30/4/93: Enterprise Comp, Ferranti, Greycoat, Hanson Wts, Kewill Systems, Medeva, Ryan Hotels, Tadpole, Wassall, Waverley, WPP.
Put: TI Group.
Put & Call: Ratners.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2794.0	2820.0	2792.0	2818.0	8337
Previous open interest: 48818	Sep 93	2828.5	2844.5	2828.5	2842.5	226
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	93.84	93.92	93.84	93.90	9792
Previous open interest: 312360	Sep 93	93.80	93.90	93.79	93.84	11475
	Dec 93	93.71	93.77	93.71	93.75	3180
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.79	96.80	96.79	96.79	288
Previous open interest: 17035	Sep 93	96.68	96.70	96.68	96.70	130
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.67	92.76	92.64	92.75	26660
Previous open interest: 550750	Sep 93	93.50	93.59	93.44	93.58	29841
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				111-00	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				109-23	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	103-21	104-00	103-08	103-25	35810
Previous open interest: 64958	Sep 93	103-04	103-04	103-04	103-00	6
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	107.79	108.15	107.79	108.10	943
	Sep 93				107.35	0
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	94.71	94.82	94.42	94.66	74315
Previous open interest: 153866	Sep 93	94.73	95.05	94.73	94.93	269
Three month ECU	Jun 93	91.77	91.88	91.76	91.85	1293
Previous open interest: 21536	Sep 93	92.60	92.70	92.59	92.68	575
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.18	95.25	95.18	95.24	2283
Previous open interest: 37031	Sep 93	95.62	95.66	95.60	95.62	409
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	95.00	96.45	94.90	96.25	26459
Previous open interest: 42083	Sep 93	95.50	96.30	95.50	96.15	6

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 81.0 (day's range 80.9-81.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 30	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7824-2.8000	2.7966-2.8000	⅛-¼ds	⅜-1⅛ds
Brussels	50.94-51.47	51.07-51.17	5-9ds	19-23ds
Copenhagen	9.5330-9.5830	9.5520-9.5740	3¼-4¼ds	8⅝-10⅜ds
Dublin	1.0210-1.0235	1.0211-1.0232	19-25ds	54-64ds
Frankfurt	2.4782-2.4956	2.4923-2.4956	⅛-½ds	1-1⅛ds
Lisbon	229.63-231.70	230.09-230.56	239-254ds	628-680ds
Madrid	181.18-183.22	181.94-182.22	163-175ds	350-410ds
Milan	2327.30-2348.50	2335.40-2341.70	10-13ds	30-34ds
Montreal	1.9933-2.0014	1.9935-1.9957	0.24-0.14pr	0.40-0.25pr
New York	1.5680-1.5740	1.5685-1.5695	0.42-0.41pr	1.17-1.14pr
Oslo	10.4820-10.5320	10.5080-10.5320	2-2⅛ds	3¼-4⅝ds
Paris	8.3430-8.3970	8.3830-8.3970	1½-2ds	3½-4⅜ds
Stockholm	11.4240-11.4800	11.4560-11.4800	2¾-4⅛ds	7¼-9ds
Tokyo	174.25-174.75	174.53-174.75	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.43-17.62	17.48-17.54	1½-2⅝ds	2⅞-4⅜ds
Zurich	2.2336-2.2543	2.2512-2.2543	¼pr-par	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5708-1.5735
Australia dollar	2.2234-2.2265
Bahrain dinar	0.586-0.598
Brazil cruzeiro *	50815.0-50850.4
Cyprus pound	0.734-0.744
Finland marka	8.467-8.583
Greece drachma	333.75-340.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.1492-12.1586
India rupee	48.84-49.80
Kuwait dinar KD	0.467-0.477
Malaysia ringgit	4.0353-4.0395
Mexico peso	4.82-4.92
New Zealand dollar	2.8923-2.8996
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3245-5.9505
Singapore dollar	2.5384-2.5417
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1749-7.2266
S Africa rand (com)	4.9557-4.9621
U A E dirham	5.7055-5.8295

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4144-1.4154
Austria	11.10-11.12
Belgium (Com)	32.44-32.48
Canada	1.2709-1.2714
Denmark	6.07-6.08
France	5.325-5.330
Germany	1.5798-1.5808
Hong Kong	7.7285-7.7295
Ireland	1.540-1.542
Italy	1484.0-1487.0
Japan	110.70-110.75
Malaysia	2.567-2.568
Netherlands	1.775-1.776
Norway	6.6675-6.6775
Portugal	145.95-146.15
Singapore	1.6148-1.6158
Spain	116.2-116.4
Sweden	7.267-7.277
Switzerland	1.426-1.427

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[11/16]; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5[9/16].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅞-5¾	5[13/16]-5[11/16]	5¾-5⅝	5[11/16]-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6[1/16]	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛
Interbank	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6[1/16]-6[1/16]	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛

Overnight: open 5¾, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	5[15/16]	n/a	6	6⅛	6¼
Sterling CDs	5[15/16]-5⅞	5[15/16]-5⅞	5¾-5⅞	6-5[15/16]	6⅛-6¼
Dollar CDs	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.10-3.07	3.17-3.14	3.37-3.34
Building Society CDs	6⅛-5[15/16]	6⅛-5[15/16]	6⅛-5[15/16]	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £459m allotted: £100m: Bids: £98.655% received: 79%: last week: £98.655% received: 69%. Avge rate: £5.3863% last wk £5.3887%: Next week: £100m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2[15/16]	3⅛-3	3⅛-2¾
Deutschemark	7⅞-7⅝	7[11/16]-7[9/16]	7⅝-7½	7⅛-7⅛	8⅛-7⅛
French Franc	8⅛-8⅛	8⅛-8⅛	7[13/16]-7[11/16]	7⅛-7⅛	9-8
Swiss Franc	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5	4⅞-4⅝	5⅛-4⅝
Yen	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $353.80-354.20 Close: $354.80-355.30 High: $355.40-355.90 Low: $350.30-350.70 Krugerrand: $354.00-356.00 (£224.50-226.50)

Sovereigns: Old $83.00-85.00 (£52.00-54.00) New $83.00-85.00 (£52.00-54.00)

Platinum: $386.50 (£245.45) Silver: $4.35 (£2.755) Palladium: $119.35 (£75.80)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	550	40	53	62	20	27	37
(*576½)	600	16	31	39	51	57	64
ASDA	67	9	12	-	4	7½	-
(*71)	76	4½	8	-	10	12½	-
Bass	500	50	62	71	10	17	26
(*542½)	550	21	34	42	32	40	52
Boots	420	46	56	60	9	16	20
(*451½)	460	21	35	37	24	34	38
Br Airways	260	30	37	42	5	13	18
(*281½)	280	19	27	31	17	22	27
BP	280	23	29	35	10	14	18
(*292½)	300	12	18	25	21	25	28
Br Steel	90	9	13	15	6½	9½	12
(*93)	100	5	8	11	13	16	17
C & W	650	59	70	80	18	26	33
(*692½)	700	28	42	52	43	52	60
CU	580	40	48	-	17	30	-
(*590½)	629	17	26	-	44	59	-
Courtauld	550	28	45	52	26	36	43
(*557)	600	9	22½	31½	61½	67½	73
GKN	460	37	44	-	12	22	-
(*481½)	500	16	24	-	32	42	-
ICI	1250	88	104	127	38	66	77
(*1299½)	1300	60	79	100	62	92	98
Kingfshr	554	34	48	-	24	34	-
(*601)	632	13	26	-	55	62	-
Land Sec	500	29	35	40	14	20	26
(*524½)	550	5	14	18	52	51	55
M & S	330	23	32	40	11	17	19
(*345½)	360	8½	19	23	28	33	35
Sainsbury	420	50	60	67	9	14	20
(*466½)	460	25	38	47	25	29	37
Shell	550	25	33	40	17	28	32
(*554)	600	7	14	19	53	57	65
Smkl Bch	460	37	50	62	23	33	40
(*476)	500	18	32	44	45	54	60
Storehse	200	16	23	27	14	19	23
(*208½)	220	8	15	19	26	31	35
Trafalgar	83	11½	16	-	6	7½	-
(*90)	92	7½	-	-	10	-	-
Unilever	1050	65	90	103	20	33	42
(*1081½)	1100	35	59	73	42	57	65

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	390	33	42	52	12	18	25
(*410)	420	18	28	36	26	33	40
Ladbroke	160	17	23	26	11	20	23
(*163)	180	9	14	19	23	32	35
Utd Bisc	390	51	60	65	12	21	22
(*423½)	420	32	42	49	25	33	36

April 30, 1993 Tot: 26488 Call: 13187 Put: 13301 FT-SE Call: 3618 Put: 3047
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	700	57	67	82	1	13	21
(*755)	750	18	37	53	13	32	43
BAT Ind	800	54	80	95	5	18	40
(*854½)	850	21	50	62	25	42	58
BTR	550	52	63	72	1½	6½	15
(*600)	600	11	30	40	12	23	36
Br Aero	300	20	42	55	7	23	34
(*319½)	330	7	27	48	24	43	48
Br Telcm	390	21	29	36	3½	14½	18
(*404½)	420	4½	14	21	17	31	35
Cadbury	460	13	29	38	9	20	25
(*461)	500	2½	12	22	42	46	51
Guinness	460	25	40	54	6	15	24
(*480½)	500	5	20	33	27	37	44
GEC	300	14	25	29	2½	11	14½
(*316)	330	2½	9	14½	18	27	31
Hanson	220	14	18½	23	1½	7	10½
(*231)	240	2½	8	13½	11	17½	22
LASMO	140	16	25	31	2½	9	13
(*152)	160	5½	15	22	13	19	27
Lucas	130	9	16	21	4	9	16
(*135½)	140	3½	11	17	8½	14½	21
P & O	550	25	46	55	8	22	41
(*564½)	600	5	22	34	39	51	70
Pilkingtn	130	7½	12	17	4	9½	14
(*134)	140	3	8	12	10	16	19
Prudential	300	21	30	36	2½	7	14
(*318)	330	4	14	20	15	21	28
RTZ	600	57	74	87½	3	11½	23
(*650)	650	18	42½	56½	13½	31	42
Scot New	420	50	56	60	2	8	15
(*465)	460	15	27	36	7	26	33
Tesco	200	23	30	36	2	6	9
(*221½)	220	7	17	25	7	14	20
Thames W	500	12	22	31	8	27	32
(*506)	550	1½	5½	13	49	65	68
Vodafone	420	1½	8	15½	46	53	57
(*376½)	460	1	3	4½	86	88	90

FT-SE INDEX (*2813½)

	2650	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900
Calls						
May	165	120	76	42	19	7
Jun	177	135	100	66	42	25
Jul	195	156	122	91	63	42
Aug	212	178	142	112	87	64
Dec	-	242	-	182	-	126
Puts						
May	4	7	15	31	62	98
Jun	13	20	35	52	79	114
Jul	25	35	47	72	96	126
Aug	34	49	63	86	108	138
Dec	-	90	-	128	-	172

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	360	31	40	48	5	13	18
(*384½)	390	13	23	32	16	26	31
Amstrad	30	6	8	9	1½	2½	3½
(*34½)	35	3	5	6½	3½	5	5½
Barclays	420	24	37	47	11	24	29
(*430)	460	7	18	28	37	46	52
Blue Circ	240	18	29	36	8½	15	20
(*253½)	260	11	19	26	20	27	32
Br Gas	280	27	30	33	4	7	13½
(*305)	300	9½	18	32	12	16	23
	330	2	7½	11	36	37	43
Dixons	200	23	28	35	7	15	19
(*216)	220	11	19	25	16	25	31
Eurotnnl	420	28	48	65	23	39½	51
(*419)	460	12	31	42	51½	65½	74½
Forte	180	19	26	31	6	10	15
(*191½)	200	7½	15	21	16	21	24
Glaxo	550	57	82	90	12	28	46
(*596½)	600	30	53	65	35	52	71
	650	13	34	47	73	85	104
HSBC	600	29	51	65	29	45	56
(*596)	650	11	30	44	60	74	83
Hillsdwn	140	22	27	31	3	8	10
(*156½)	160	8	15	20	11	16	20
Lonrho	90	10	16	19	3½	7½	11
(*98)	100	5½	10½	13	8½	12	15
Reuter	1250	55	97	135	32	60	77
(*1258½)	1300	31	74	110	59	84	105
R-Royce	120	16	22	24	4	7½	10½
(*133)	130	9½	15½	19	8	11	16
Sears	100	6	9	13	4½	8	11
(*104)	110	2½	6	8	13	15	17
Thrn Emi	800	62	74	88	7½	27	36
(*846½)	850	29	43	57	26	52	59
TSB	180	11	17	21	8	16	19
(*182)	200	4	9	14	22	28	31
Vaal Reefs	50	11	13	14	4½	4	6
(*$56)	60	6	7	9½	9	9	11
Wellcome	700	52	80	99	21	39	55
(*735)	750	27	55	74	46	63	80

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	20	24	26	12	21	20
(*163½)	180	9	16	19	27	33	35

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastrn Elc	460	14	26	33	8½	27	34
(*463)	500	2½	10	18	38	55	60

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	300	30	39	47	4	8	13
(*324½)	330	11	20	29	15	20	25
Scot Pwr	310	11	16	20	9½	16½	22
(*309)	330	4	8	12½	24	32	34

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee made a surprising recovery following Thursday's sell-off on the news that Brazil was starting to liquidate its government stockpile. Otherwise there was no fresh news to affect trading, and London lent to New York for direction. Cocoa was similarly uneventful, with most of the trade comprising of liquidation orders ahead of the first tender day for May on Monday.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

May	659 BID	Jul	763-762
Jul	681-680	Sep	777 SLR
Sep	696-695	Dec	804-790
Dec	715-713	Mar	824-820
Mar	735-732		
May	750-747	Volume: 8451	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	894 SLR	Jan	922-918
Jul	900-898	Mar	928 SLR
Sep	900-897	May	938 SLR
Nov	910-908	Volume: 4334	

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	--
May	--	May	--
Aug	--	Aug	--
Oct	--	Volume: 0	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	298.0-96.0
Spot: 304.0		May	301.8-98.0
Aug	313.0-12.0	Aug	306.3-01.0
Oct	300.4-98.0	Oct	299.7-92.0
Dec	299.1-96.0	Volume: 251	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 30

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	84.55	136.69	135.43
(+/-)	-0.52	-4.17	+0.12
Eng/Wales	84.58	138.07	135.20
(+/-)	-0.52	-4.98	-0.20
(%)	-41.6	-31.0	-35.0
Scotland	n/a	119.89	137.75
(+/-)	n/a	-1.89	+0.52
(%)	n/a	-50.9	-10.1

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (Avg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	113.0	113.0	Jul	102.5	103.0
Jun	106.7	106.7		Volume: 11	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	143.65
Jun	145.05
Sep	108.90
Nov	110.85
Jan	113.75
Volume: 5	

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	138.75
Sep	106.80
Nov	109.80
Jan	113.00
Mar	114.40
Volume: 11	

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	138.30
Aug	136.50
Oct	143.50
Dec	144.80
Feb	unq
Volume: 0	

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	48.0	46.3
Apr	97.0	96.5
May	unq	101.5
		Volume: 91

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jun 56.50-57.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Prior to the three day weekend, some existing shorts were forced to cover.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.95	+0.30
Brent 15 day (May)	19.00	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.15	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.60	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.75	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	213 (+3)	215 (+3)
Gasoil EEC	183 (-2)	184 (-3)
Non EEC 1H May	181 (-4)	183 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Jun	178 (-2)	179 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	76 (n/c)	78 (n/c)
Naphtha	182 (+1)	183 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

May	180.00-80.25	Aug	177.50-78.00
Jun	177.25-77.50	Sep	178.50 SLR
Jul	176.50-76.75	Oct	181.50-82.00
			Vol: 25032

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	19.15-19.17	Sep	19.24-19.26
Jul	19.16-19.17	Oct	19.25-19.30
Aug	19.21-19.23		Vol: 24254

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	207.00-07.50	Aug	unq
Jun	206.00-08.50	Sep	unq
Jul	206.00-09.00		Vol: 187

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 93	1520	1517	1517
Jun 93	1415	1412	1415
Jul 93	1295	1284	1281
Oct 93	1385	1380	1380

Vol: 210 lots. Open Int'st: 3149 Index 1554 +8

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3 mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1192.5-1193.0	1214.0-1214.5	1247275
Lead (£/tonne)	261.50-262.00	271.00-271.50	98175
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1009.0-1009.5	1027.0-1027.5	283725
Tin ($/tonne)	5530.0-5540.0	5590.0-5595.0	12030
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1110.0-1110.5	1132.0-1132.5	1042925
Nickel ($/tonne)	5940.0-5945.0	6000.0-6010.0	53016

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Leicester capable of spoiling party for Winterbottom

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHAT is there to say about Harlequins? That they are a team of extremes? That they are so maddeningly inconsistent that most of England's provincial teams cheerfully anticipate their demise in the Pilkington Cup final against Leicester at Twickenham today? That they have more talent than is good for them?

All of these are true, yet not so black and white as outsiders sometimes believe. No team captained by Peter Winterbottom could be quite as insouciant as Harlequins' critics suggest, and no team that demonstrated so infinite a capacity for work as Harlequins did against Bath in last season's (losing) final could possibly be described as ephemeral.

If Leicester start as favourites, it is on the basis of their emphatic dismissal of Northampton in the semi-final, but few, least of all the Tigers, will regard Harlequins as underdogs. In the last five years, they have made the cup "their" competition, winning it twice and losing once, last season in extra time.

Leicester are still regarded as a cup team themselves, yet that reputation rests on their triple triumph of 1979-81. True, they have been in two finals since, in 1983 and 1989, yet had to concede best each time, to Bristol and Bath.

If Harlequins could discover why the cup turns their players on, and not the league, they would patent it. In the meantime, they will trust that the magic of Twickenham and Winterbottom's last club game will be inspiration enough.

Winterbottom, capped 58 times for England, is one of those extremes at Harlequins, in this case of experience. He, Carling, Moore, Leonard and such trusties as Glenister and Langhorn will seek to cocoon the youngsters — Madderson, Alexander, Challinor and Snow — from the roar of the Tigers.

"There will be no lumps in my throat," Winterbottom said. "Rugby was a way of life for me, but recently my job and commitments in London have made rugby less consuming. I have known throughout the season that I was going to retire."

Sentiment and the blond Yorkshire flanker known as "Strawman", or simply "Wints", are strangers.

Only a Lions tour of New Zealand remains, and if romance played any part in sport, Winterbottom would crown his domestic career by winning the cup.

"But it might not be a fairy tale," Jamie Salmon, the Harlequins team manager, said. "The world does not go round just to make it a nice place for men who have been around a long time. Dusty Hare had a losing final to end his great career when Leicester were last here.

"But Peter's passion for the game has been something else. He's one of the few people who would put the same effort in whether it was a junior club on a Wednesday night or France at the Parc.

"His attitude has always superceded his ability, but in recent years he has made dramatic strides in his handling and his vision for the game. There will be a huge void to fill next season, for him and for us."

If any further motivation was required for Winterbottom, it is the presence in Leicester's back row of the Winterbottom-in-waiting, Neil Back. But the match is as likely to be won or lost not by the hard-as-nails, been-there, done-it men of international rugby, but by the clubmen, by Glenister and Langhorn, by Harris and Bates, who, as a replacement, appeared for Leicester in the 1983 final.

Their reaction to the frantic atmosphere created by a crowd of 54,000 will be critical: a crowd whose support for Leicester is smaller than the club would like because of the Rugby Football Union's decision to sell tickets before the finalist were known.

That, and the reduced capacity, because of the East Stand reconstruction, has permitted Leicester only 14,500 tickets as opposed to the 20,000 they were confident of selling.

The RFU will review its system of allocation after the match today. "We have to be prepared to let each finalist have 20,000 tickets or more, if they want them," Richard Ankerson, the union's ticket manager, said. As it is, after the loss of 8,000 debenture seats, 3,000 in the schools enclosure and 2,000 to the sponsors, 41,000 have been available to the public.

They will see an examination of Leicester's forward maturity. At times this season, Leicester's front five have become too involved with their opposites and the team as a whole has suffered.

But if they can achieve the level of performance of the first half against Northampton — and sustain it — they will win.

TWICKENHAM TEAMS

Harlequins			Leicester	
K Bray	15	Full back	J Liley	O
C Madderson	14	Right wing	T Underwood	N
W Carling	13	Centre	I Bates	M
G Thompson	12	Centre	S Potter	L
J Alexander	11	Left wing	R Underwood	K
P Challinor	10	Stand-off	J Harris	J
R Glenister	9	Scrum half	A Kardooni	I
J Leonard	1	Prop	G Rowntree	A
B Moore	2	Hooker	R Cockerill	B
A Mullins	3	Prop	D Garforth	C
M Russell	6	Flanker	*J Wells	F
A Snow	4	Lock	M Johnson	D
R Langhorn	5	Lock	M Poole	E
*P Winterbottom	7	Flanker	N Back	H
C Sheasby	8	No. 8	D Richards	G
		*Captain		

Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 R Goodwin, 17 S Thresher, 18 M Evans, 19 M Hobley, 20 S Dear, 21 N Kilick

PATH TO FINAL: 72-3 v Blackheath; 47-18 v Wakefield; 21-14 at Waterloo; 14-13 at Wasps.

REPLACEMENTS: P L Boyle, Q D Grewcock, R D Hopper, S C Johnson, T S Povoas, U N Richardson.

PATH TO FINAL: 20-11 at London Scottish; 28-3 at Nottingham; 76-0 v Exeter; 28-6 v Northampton.

Swansea face depleted team

THE shouting being all over in the Heineken League — Llanelli captured the title by beating Pontypridd on Wednesday while Maesteg and South Wales Police are relegated — it only remains today to see whether the deposed champions, Swansea, can become runners-up by beating Cardiff at St Helen's (David Hands writes).

They will have to win to do so because Cardiff's try count is far superior but, in their favour, Cardiff's back division is littered with casualties, among them Nigel Walker who is struggling to be fit for the Welsh tour to Zimbabwe and Namibia later this month. Walker will spend today having a minor operation for wear and tear to a knee cartilage and hopes to resume training in a week. Llanelli, meanwhile, play Neath at the Gnoll with both clubs holding back for their meeting next Saturday in the final of the Swalec Cup.

The length of the northern hemisphere season has become a major irritant for New Zealand: 160 of their players are involved in Italian club rugby alone and Eddie Tonks, chairman of the New Zealand council, complained yesterday that the season, which extends far beyond April 30 in Italy and France, "has just become silly".

The French send their Armed Services XV to Twickenham today to play an under-21 curtain-raiser to the cup final against England.

Injury and university examinations have removed Paul Beech, Kyran Bracken and Chris Clark from England's XV.

ENGLAND UNDER-21: T Stimpson (Wakefield); J Sleightholme (Wakefield), D Edwards (Wakefield), M Catt (Bath), D O'Leary (Saracens); A Handley (Waterloo), M Olesan (Llandovery), D Molloy (Wasps), M Regan (Bristol), D Crompton (Bath), A Diprose (Saracens), R Bramley (Wakefield, captain), S Shaw (Bristol), L Dallaglio (Wasps), R Hill (West London Institute/Salisbury)

Back takes tall order in stride

Andrew Longmore on the flanker aiming to prove a point to England's selectors at Twickenham today

Standing in the foyer of the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry, he did not look undersize. He was neat, dapper in suit and tie, flowing blond hair parted fashionably down the centre, confident and jaunty. Not a giant, but, at 5ft 10in and just under 14 stone, not someone to kick sand at either. Yet Neil Back has spent most of this season trying to disprove the theory that he is too small to play rugby for England.

In the Pilkington Cup final at Twickenham today, the Leicester flanker has the ideal chance to rest his case. Ranged menacingly against him for Harlequins is Peter Winterbottom, the holder of the England No 7 shirt Back covets so dearly and all of two inches taller. Winterbottom is retiring after the British Isles tour of New Zealand this summer and Back is most people's idea of a successor.

Like it or not, comparisons will be made this afternoon, and Back is in no doubt about the significance of the occasion, both for the development of a young Leicester side and for his own future. "A lot of us are wanting to prove a point, none more so than me," he said. And what point might that be? "Who's the best No 7 in the country."

To anyone around Leicester, the answer is a foregone conclusion. With age tapping some of the England pack on the shoulder this season, they feel their man, at the age of 24, should have been given a chance already.

He has played at every other level for England, but doubt was cast on what seemed to be the formality of his elevation to the senior side by the England manager, Geoff Cooke, who suggested Back's middleweight physique might not be adequate against the heavyweights of international rugby. The news brought a predictable response from an affronted Back. "It made me smile and it made me more determined than ever to prove them wrong, which is what I've been doing all my life," he said. "Just ask any of the opposition what they think." Cooke has since modified his criticism, but the suspicion remains that Back could become another victim of a philosophy which values strength and teamwork above all else.

England like their packs to be immovable and destructive, to impose their physical presence on a game first and ask questions later. Back is quick, darting and prone to spontaneity. "I like to be the link between the forwards and the backs," he said.

"You'll see me at stand-off, scrum half, on the wing. I see myself as doing a number of jobs and I'll certainly be the first pair of hands on the ball in the loose." He captained his school side from scrum half so that he could get his hands on the ball as often as possible.

"He has speed. He is very fit and he has great footballing ability," Tony Russ, the Leicester coach, said. "It is irrelevant whether he is 5ft 10in or 6ft, he has so many good things in his game. If he's given a good chance, he will be a magnificent player for England."

Back answers his critics thus: "I see my stature as a positive advantage. People say I lack height at the back of the lineout, but all I can say is: 'Yes, please throw the ball to the back. I'll be there.' Northampton tried to exploit it in the semi-final, and look what happened to them. If England can find a player who is taller than me and as agile, then I'll be the first to admit he should be picked. But they won't find him and, in the meantime, I'm the best they've got."

He also makes the most of what he has by training relentlessly. He rarely gets nervous before games, he says, because he knows he has put in the hard work. He has been clever with his tutors too, choosing to play his first senior rugby not at his home club of Coventry, but at Nottingham, where he was understudy to Gary Rees, the former England flanker. Three years ago, he moved to Leicester, joining Dean Richards, who he describes as "a father figure", in a formidable back-row partnership.

Despite being ignored by England, Back was picked in some distinguished, but unofficial, Lions sides, including those of the New Zealander, Wayne Shelford, and the former Scotland and Lions captain, Finlay Calder, but not in the one that mattered. Instead, he will tour Canada with England and then return to his duties as a pensions supervisor with Axa Equity & Law in Coventry. It is not impossible, though, that he will end his summer in New Zealand should the Lions suffer injuries. If not, he will be looking forward to making his international debut against the touring New Zealanders in the autumn. "I'll be ready," he added.

In the meantime, Back has a rendezvous with Winterbottom which could decide the destiny of the Pilkington Cup. Victory would make him walk a little taller.



Back on Back: "If England can find a player who is taller than me and as agile, then I'll be the first to admit he should be picked". Photograph: George Herringshaw



Winterbottom: menacing

Dunning's short Towers rise to challenge

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

A SELF-CONFESSED rebel, but a rebel with a considerable cause, Mark Dunning, the coach of the London Towers basketball team, insists that he is more tolerant now.

"Come on," he said, speaking towards the end of his first season as coach to the Towers, who play Thames Valley Tigers in today's first semi-final of the Carlsberg basketball championship play-offs at Wembley. "I've had only three or four technical offences against me and a couple of them were because of this conspiracy against me."

The vendetta which Dunning perceives that officials have against him is so bad, he jokes, that referees have even given technicals against him in the car park before games. More seriously, he looks back on some of his altercations with officialdom with regret, such as the ten-page manuscript he distributed to the media following a notorious clash with Trevor Gordon, when both were at Bracknell.

Either Gordon went, Dunning said, or he went. The club refused to back Dunning, so the coach was forced to move on. Ultimately, so did Gordon, who is now with Guildford Kings, the club that could yet oppose London in tomorrow's final should they defeat Worthing Bears in tonight's other semi-final.

"I've mellowed this year," Dunning said. "Nobody believed me when I said I would, yet I don't even care any more about all those times they overlooked me as national team coach. For years, I've been qualified, but I never even got to an interview."

Brian Clough knew the feeling well and, like Clough, Dunning waves his arms about as much as ever, more at officials than his own London Towers players, who would become the first all-English team to win the Carlsberg championship should they triumph this weekend. Financial restrictions prevented two Americans, coveted by Towers before the season, from coming over. "You can imagine how pleased I was about that," Dunning said.

Short of American experience, Dunning's squad is also short on height. Following an injury to John Leone, Richard Scantlebury is the Towers' tallest, at 6ft 6in. The coach then used all the experience gained on his numerous visits to the United States to come up with an adapted strategy that, to date, has served London in good stead.

"We've muddled through," he said, but in truth it has been much more than that with what Dunning calls "an all-over-the-floor defensive style so that the height factor can be negated". It has certainly brought the best out of the Peter Scantlebury, his captain.

It is Dunning's second appearance in the final four, his first as coach. He was assistant to Danny Palmer when Crystal Palace succeeded in the early 1980s. "I wasn't crazy then," Dunning said. "I was still learning to be."

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

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FOOTBALL

FA Premier League

Chelsea v Coventry
Crystal Palace v Ipswich
Everton v Arsenal
Leeds v QPR
Norwich v Liverpool (all ticket)
Notts Forest v Sheff Utd (all ticket)
Sheff Wed v Middlesbrough
Southampton v Man City
Tottenham v Wimbledon

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	40	25	12	3	82	29	87
A Villa	40	21	11	8	58	37	74
Norwich	40	20	8	12	57	42	68
Blackburn	39	18	11	10	61	40	65
Liverpool	39	15	11	13	51	49	56
Sheff Wed	37	14	12	10	50	41	54
QPR	38	15	10	13	57	52	55
Tottenham	38	15	10	13	53	56	55
Man City	39	14	11	14	53	56	53
Wimbledon	40	14	11	15	54	62	53
Chelsea	40	13	13	14	47	49	52
Arsenal	38	14	9	15	46	43	51
Coventry	40	13	12	15	46	53	51
Southampton	40	13	11	16	51	56	50
Everton	39	14	7	18	47	51	49
Ipswich	40	11	15	13	52	57	48
Leeds	39	12	12	15	52	57	48
C Palace	39	10	15	14	45	57	45
Sheff Utd	39	11	10	18	46	51	43
Oldham	39	10	10	19	55	69	40
Notts F	40	10	10	20	40	58	40
Middlesbro	40	10	10	20	48	70	40

Barclays League

First division

Brentford v Barnsley
Bristol Rovers v Birmingham (all ticket)
Cambridge Utd v Southend
Charlton v Derby
Leicester v Bristol City (all ticket)
Luton v Peterborough
Oxford Utd v Notts County
Sunderland v Portsmouth (all ticket)
Tranmere v Watford
Wolverhampton v Millwall

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	42	26	9	9	81	36	87
Portsmouth	42	25	10	9	77	41	85
West Ham	42	24	10	10	76	40	82
Swindon	42	23	13	10	71	55	76
Leicester	42	21	9	12	67	53	72
Tranmere	42	21	9	12	67	53	72
Millwall	42	18	16	10	57	41	70
Grimsby	42	18	7	17	62	56	61
Derby	42	16	12	14	62	56	60
Peterboro	42	16	12	14	62	56	60
Wolves	42	15	13	14	57	56	58
Charlton	42	15	11	16	57	56	56
Barnsley	42	15	9	18	58	62	54

Watford	44	14	13	17	56	68	55
Oxford	43	13	13	17	50	53	52
Bristol C	44	13	13	18	45	66	52
Luton	44	10	20	14	47	60	50
Southend	44	12	13	19	51	60	49
Notts Co	43	11	15	17	51	66	48
Birmingham	44	12	11	21	46	69	47
Sunderland	43	12	11	20	44	58	47
Brentford	44	12	10	22	48	66	46
Camb Utd	44	10	16	18	45	66	46
Bristol R	44	9	10	25	49	84	37

Second division

Burnley v Blackpool
Chester v Fulham
Exeter v Huddersfield
Hartlepool v Brighton
Leyton Orient v Bradford
Preston v Mansfield
Reading v Swansea
Rotherham v West Brom
Stockport v Bournemouth
Wigan v Plymouth

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	44	27	11	6	72	32	92
Port Vale	43	25	10	9	74	41	85
Bolton	43	24	9	10	75	40	81
West Brom	44	23	10	11	63	53	79
Stockport	44	19	14	11	80	55	71
Swansea	43	19	13	11	63	43	70
Bradford	44	18	14	12	67	61	68
Leyton Orient	44	19	9	16	64	61	66
Brighton	44	19	9	16	60	55	66
Reading	44	17	14	13	57	49	65
Rotherham	44	16	14	14	57	57	62
Fulham	44	15	16	13	53	52	61
Barnsley	44	15	14	15	54	56	59
Plymouth	44	15	11	18	55	62	56
Huddersfield	44	15	9	20	50	59	54
Bournemouth	44	12	15	17	45	55	51
Blackpool	44	12	14	18	59	68	50
Hull	44	13	11	20	44	64	50
Exeter	43	11	15	17	51	65	48
Hartlepool	44	12	12	20	38	60	48
Preston	44	13	8	23	54	88	47
Mansfield	44	10	11	23	46	76	41
Wigan	43	10	10	23	47	68	40
Chester	44	8	5	31	45	96	29

Third division

Barnet v Lincoln
Bury v Crewe
Cardiff v Shrewsbury (all ticket)
Carlisle v Torquay
Chesterfield v Scarborough
Colchester v Scunthorpe
Gillingham v Halifax
Hereford v Doncaster
Walsall v Rochdale

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	40	23	9	8	64	43	78
Cardiff	40	23	8	9	72	46	77
Wrexham	41	22	11	8	77	49	77
York	42	21	12	9	73	45	75
Walsall	40	20	7	13	70	60	67
Crewe	40	19	7	14	69	54	64
Bury	41	18	9	14	62	53	63
Shrewsbury	40	17	11	12	54	47	62
Lincoln	40	17	6	15	54	52	59
Colchester	39	17	5	17	53	71	56
Chesterfield	40	15	11	14	58	58	56
Rochdale	40	15	10	15	67	66	55
Scunthorpe	40	14	12	14	57	50	54
Scarborough	40	14	8	18	61	69	50
Darlington	40	11	14	15	51	61	47
Doncaster	40	10	14	16	40	54	44
Carlisle	40	11	10	19	49	62	43
Hereford	40	9	15	16	46	58	42
Northampton	41	10	8	23	45	72	38
Gillingham	40	8	13	19	45	62	37
Torquay	40	10	7	23	42	66	37
Halifax	40	9	9	22	45	65	36

GM Vauxhall Conference

Boston v Merthyr
Bromsgrove v Woking
Dagenham R v Kettering
Farnborough v Altrincham
Gateshead v Yeovil
Kidderminster v Northwich
Runcorn v Bath
Stafford v Slough
Stalybridge v Welling
Witton v Telford
Wycombe v Macclesfield

Scottish League

Premier division

Aurdne v Rangers
Celtic v Aberdeen
Dundee United v Partick
Falkirk v Hearts
Hibernian v Motherwell
St Johnstone v Dundee

First division

Clydebank v Morton
Dunfermline v Cowdenbeath
Kilmarnock v Dumbarton
Meadowbank v Ayr
St Mirren v Hamilton
Stirling v Raith

Second division

Albion v Arbroath
Alloa v Stenhousemuir
Berwick v East Stirling
Clyde v Forfar
East Fife v Brechin
Montrose v Stranraer
Queen's Park v Queen of South

Diadora League

Premier division

*Aylesbury v Hayes
*Bognor v Wokingham
*Carshalton v Hendon
*Chesham v Dulwich
*Enfield v Harrow
*Grays v Basingstoke
Kingstonian v Windsor and Eton; Maidow v Bromley, St Albans v Sutton; Staines v Stevenage Borough; Yeading v Wivenhoe
*pools matches

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Abingdon v Billericay; Aveley v Wivelsfield; Barking v Bonsham Wood; Bishop's Stortford v Wembley; Croydon v Purfleet; Dorking v Leyton; Hitchin v Uxbridge; Maidenhead v Haywards Swills, Molesey v Chalfont St Peter; Tooting and Mitcham v Lewes. Second division: Banstead v Egham; Berkhamsted v Barton; Chertsey v Ware; Hampton v Metropolitan Police, Hemel Hempstead v Tilbury; Malden Vale v Hungerford; Rainham v Russp Manor; Saffron Walden v Worthing; Southall v Edgware, Witham v Leatherhead. Third division: Clapton v Thame; Collier Row v Royston, Cove v Aldershot, Feltham and Hounslow B v Bracknell, Kingsbury v Epsom and Ewell; Leighton v Flackwell Heath; Northwood v Horsham.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Matlock, Chorley v Bishop Auckland; Colwyn Bay v Whitley Bay; Hyde v Gainsborough, Leek v Mossley; Marine v Goole, Southport v Winsford. First division: Bridlington v Lancaster, Caernarfon v Farsley Celtic, Eastwood v Warrington; Guiseley v Workington, Netherfield v Harrogate, Shepshed v Knowsley; Worksop v Gretna.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Consett v Northallerton; Guisborough v Durham City; Peterlee Newtown v Blyth Spartans, South Bank v Whitby

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg v Armthorpe Welfare; Glasshoughton Wel v Eccleshill, Harrogate Ra v Belper, Liversedge v Pickering; Maltby MW v Ossett Albion; North Ferriby v Ashfield; Ossett Town v Stocksbridge P S, Scarthymoor v Winterton; Thackley v Denaby.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bamber Bridge v Prescot; Blackpool Mechanics v Newcastle; Blackpool v Nantwich, Bradford Park Avenue v Bacup Borough, Chadderton v Maine Road (Man); Eastwood Hanley v Atherton LR, Glossop North End v Darwen, Penrith v Burscough.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton v Weymouth, Corby v Grantham, Gresley v Bridgnorth, King's Lynn v Yate; Leicester v Barn, Nuneaton Borough v Evesham, RC Warwick v Newport AFC, Rushden and Diamonds v Grassley, Tamworth v Redditch, Weston-super-Mare v Bilston, Southern division: Baldock v Salisbury; Buckingham v Ashford, Bury v Witney; Canterbury v Erith and Belvedere, Dunstable v Margate, Fareham v Burnham, Fisher v Newport IoW, Havant v Braintree, Poole v Sittingbourne; Sudbury v Gravesend and Northfleet; Westlisions v Andover.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Gorleston v Comerd; Halstead v Watton; Histon v Wroxham; Lowestoft v Brightlingsea, March v Harwich and Parkeston, Norwich v Tiptree, Stowmarket v Fakenham

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Mangotsfield v Clevedon, Plymouth v Westbury, Saltash v Paulton, Torrington v Tiverton

BASS IRISH CUP: Final: Ards v Bangor (at Windsor Park).

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberparadenny v Connah's Quay; Aberystwyth v Conwy, Alan Lydn v Inter Cardiff (2.30), Bangor v Maesteg Park, Haverfordwest v Newtown; Holywell v Briton Ferry; Llanelli v Caersws; Mold v Ebbw Vale, Rhyl v Llandudno

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chelsea v Southend; Fulham v West Ham, Leyton Orient v Arsenal; Tottenham v Norwich. Second division: Colchester v Luton.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Southgate County v Old Bealonians; Witan v Parkfield. Second division: Albanian v Hadley; Old Meriowans v Academicals; St Mary's College v City of London, Wandsworth Borough v Pollygons. Third division: Brent v Ulysses; Pegasus v Hale End. Fourth division: Mayfield v Dexters

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Glyn v Wilsonians, Tiffinians v Aloysians.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup

Final

Widnes v Wigan (Wembley, 2.30)

RUGBY UNION

Pilkington Cup

Final

Harlequins v Leicester (at Twickenham)

Heineken League

First division

Bridgend v Maesteg (2.30)
Neath v Llanelli (2.30)
Newport v Newbridge (2.30)
Pontypool v South Wales Police (2.30)
Pontypridd v Aberavon (2.30)
Swansea v Cardiff (2.30)

Second division

Abertillery v Penarth (2.30)
Cross Keys v Blaina (2.30)
Glamorgan Wndrs v Narberth (2.30)
Llandovery v Llanharan (2.30)
Tenby Utd v Dunvant (2.30)

THIRD DIVISION: Aberavon Quins v Bonymaen, Blackwood v Abercynon; Henllys Hil v Rumney; Mountain Ash v Pontypool, St Peters v Tumbler Trnorchy v Wrexham. Play-offs: Whitland v Cilfynydd, Fairfoel v Caerphilly, Cardiff Inst v Celtdale, Mold v Pyle.

Representative match

England U-21 v French Armed Forces (at Twickenham, 1.0)

CRICKET

11.00, 110 overs minimum

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Third day of four

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Middlesex.
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Sussex
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Surrey
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Somerset.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire.

Other matches

Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire.
Arundel: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v Australia.
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (First day of three): Bath: Somerset v Gloucestershire.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg Championships: Men: Second division: Final: Crystal Palace v Doncaster. Third division: Final: Leicester v Sheffield. Women: First division: Final: Northampton v Sheffield (Wembley, 1.0)
EQUESTRIANISM: International dressage (Goodwood)
GOLF: Lytham Trophy (Royal Lytham); Berkshire Trophy (The Berkshire); Ford Women's Classic (Woburn)
HOCKEY: HA Club Trophy final: Halifax v Oxton (Skerton Bury LC, Milton Keynes 12.0). Royal Bank of Scotland Cup: Final: Hounslow v Teddington (2.0).
SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Sheffield)
SPEEDWAY: Second division: Glasgow v Sheffield (6 30). Open meeting (Newcastle).
SWIMMING: Cardiff: British Grand Prix final.
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Lee-on-Solent). Davis Cup: Euro/Africa zone: Group one: Second round: Iceland v Ghana (Dublin).

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Ferguson takes nothing for granted as United close on first title for 26 years

Wait almost over for Old Trafford faithful

By Rob Hughes, football correspondent

ALEX Ferguson almost blundered into a premature celebration in the early hours of Thursday. Returning to his hotel from Wembley, he found some Dutch players in the lobby bar drinking a toast to their escape against England. Ferguson immediately called a waiter, requested "tea for two" and with Brian Kidd, his Manchester United deputy, retired into an ante-room.

Neither Ferguson, the manager at Old Trafford, nor Kidd wished to gatecrash anyone else's party. Their champagne is on ice for the championship that could come tomorrow, if Aston Villa fail to beat Oldham, on Monday, if United defeat Blackburn Rovers, or next Sunday, should the championship go to the wire.

Ferguson, nevertheless, had the disposition of a man in waiting, one cheered on Wednesday night by three of his players — Kanchelskis, Hughes and Cantona — scoring World Cup goals, for Russia, Wales and France. And further cheered by the continuing mature form of Ince in England's midfield.

In sport, a distance grows between generations, one that can be bridged at Old Trafford when sons, as well as fathers, who follow United, might, in a few days, be able to say they, too, have seen a championship-winning side.

The "official" supporters, whose cash flow and ideals have poured into this cult club, stretch across 54 countries. They include Abigail Saxe, who, in her 82 years, has missed few home games, and who often waits for Ferguson outside the entrance. When things spluttered before Cantona arrived in December, she had chided him: "Alex. The attack's like a car with two wheels."

By keeping that vehicle on the road, the manager has kept his own nerve and his team's in far better shape than last spring. The 26-year wait is surely about to end.

Old Trafford symbolises the change in the national game, away from its working-class roots. On countless occasions, thousands have stood on what used to be the terracing of the Stretford End. Next season, they will have to pay far higher prices to sit under the new roof which, throughout this term, has resembled a skeleton of steel and concrete.

But at least they were allowed in. For visitors, the tickets were few and far between; Aston Villa were allotted just 639, while United took 4,500 followers to Villa Park.

Manchester United has also had its fingers in supporters' pockets in other ways. In February, the club issued a third strip, in yellow and green, ostensibly a collectors' item in the colours of Newton Heath, the original United. Now, the word is that Umbro, the kit sponsor that pays £2 million a season to United, is planning a fourth strip, to celebrate the title.

When the title comes, if it comes, the ability of Ferguson to handle his wingers, and the luck to keep them fit and fresh, will have been decisive. Villa lost Daley for most of the season, and Froggatt for the run in; and they had no one quite like Cantona to turn an embattled match into victory.

Steve McMahon, the veteran now with Manchester City, put his finger on Villa around Christmas time: "If you give them time, they will pass you all day. You have to get on top, stop them having space."

Enough teams, like Coventry City, were able to do that to Villa, but not to United. And if this is indeed the breakthrough, then the recruitment of youth might well sustain United towards the turn of the century.

But all judgments, especially on individual players, are finely balanced. It is ironic that Leeds United won the title last season with Strachan, an inspiring player, sold to them by United; that United themselves bought Cantona from Leeds; and that the main rock on which Villa have been able to challenge this season has been McGrath, sold to them by Ferguson.

If McGrath, and his partner, Teale, who was ignored by 12 clubs before he at last became a professional, do have the last laugh, experts and pundits alike will have some explaining to do. It is the beauty of the sport that the element of doubt remains to these final games.

STUART FRANKLIN



Brave words: Ron Atkinson, the Aston Villa manager, refuses to concede the title to Manchester United

Atkinson issues defiant last orders

By Keith Pike

WILL it be a sherry for the retiring man in the green sweatshirt today, or champagne for the sophisticate in the Savile Row suit tomorrow? The dress code, as well as the cellar, of football's last chance saloon will be stretched to the limit this weekend.

Gone are the ifs, buts and maybes of the inaugural Premier League season. Mathematicians will say that a draw at the City Ground this afternoon will prolong Nottingham Forest's agony until the last weekend of the season, and that the same result at Villa Park tomorrow will leave Manchester United sweating short of the championship finishing line. Forget it. Anything other than victory will enable Brian Clough and Ron Atkinson to drown their sorrows together.

Neither was prepared to concede anything yesterday. Clough, controversial to the last, could not resist a parting shot at the manager of England; Atkinson displayed typical bravado as he issued last orders to his troops. If only their teams had stayed so true to form.

For sheer perversity, Clough won by a mile. Having persisted with his son, Nigel, at centre back while his attack cried out for ingenuity and goals, he announced that the Forest No 9 will, indeed, play up front against Sheffield United today. And having done so, he told Graham Taylor that he should have done the same on Wednesday.

"There is no point in keeping my son in the back four when we have got to win a game," Clough said. "If anyone is going to score or make us a goal, it's him. If Graham Taylor had brought him on the other night, when I thought he was going to, we would have beaten the Dutch.

"I am not saying he is a great player, but our secretary, Paul White, always tells me that if Nigel can do anything, it's hold the ball. That's what we needed someone to do at Wembley.

"I've had to play him at the back because our other defenders couldn't keep hold of it to save their lives. But now we need a goal like never before."

Sheffield United, who can ensure their own survival with victory, are unlikely to be swayed by the sentiment of Clough's last home stand after 18 years in charge.

Victory for Villa over another endangered side, Oldham Athletic, will leave Manchester United needing to beat either Blackburn Rovers at Old Trafford on Monday, or Wimbledon at Selhurst Park six days later, for the title. Atkinson is keen to poop Alex Ferguson's party.

"The last thing we want to do is hand Manchester United the title on a silver salver without them having to win it themselves," he said. "When they meet Blackburn we want them to have to play on a razor's edge, not with party hats and balloons. We do not want to sit on a beach in the summer thinking, 'If only we had beaten Oldham'."

Gillingham fear curse could bring demotion

David Powell says these are anxious times for a lowly third division club locked in a battle to preserve Football League status

Where will Gillingham spend their centenary season? In the Football League, where they have been for the last 43 years, or in the GM Vauxhall Conference? These are worrying times for one of England's least successful clubs, and especially for their superstitious supporters. Two matches to go, and one is against a gipsy's curse, the other against a dog.

The fixtures have worked out well for highlighting the third division relegation issue. Today Gillingham, 20th of 22 clubs, are at home to Halifax Town (22nd); on the last day of the season, they go to Torquay United (21st).

Since it became obvious that this was not going to be a good season for Gillingham, they have been trying to find out more about the curse on their ground, said to have been placed back in Southern League days, by a visiting gipsy supporter of Dartford.

Information remains vague. In the meantime a priest has been into Priestfield to bless the ground; and talk is loud that Gillingham will soon be out of there anyway. But plans for a new stadium depend on the club staying up.

A win tomorrow would do it but, failing that, Gillingham might need to win away in the league for the first time this season. They had better watch out at Torquay for Bryn the dog.

Six years ago Torquay scored an injury-time equaliser against Crewe to stay in the League. It came in time added on because Bryn had bitten a player during the 90 minutes. The former police dog, now retired, has been invited back for the Gillingham game.

The unforgiving in Kent say Gillingham are getting their just desserts for dismissing Keith Peacock six years ago. Peacock had taken Gillingham into the play-off final for a place in the second division, losing to Swindon. Seven months later he was sacked.

Supporters with longer memories rue the decision to let Harry Curtis go. Curtis was manager from 1923 to 1926 but then joined Brentford, taking them to promotion from third division south to the first division. "He only went because Gillingham wouldn't give him a pay rise of ten bob a week," Roger Triggs, an authority on the club's history, said.

When Tony Smith, Gillingham's managing director, joined the board in 1989, the club was £1.25 million in debt. He has baled it out with money made from his business as a chartered surveyor. "I earned a lot of money out of the Medway towns and I was prepared to put some into the football club because it is an important part of the community," he said.

Smith confesses to spending £100,000 over budget on players' wages this season, trying to buy promotion. When it became clear it was not going to happen under Damien Richardson he was replaced as manager by Glenn Roeder.

This is Roeder's first job in management and, soon after his appointment, he stated that the first chance was the most important. "If you mess up you won't get another," he said. Next season, though, is the time to judge him, when he can put together a squad of his own choosing.

Gillingham's centenary will be marked by a history written by Triggs. He is calling it *Home of the Shouting Men* (Anglo Saxon for Gillingham). Tomorrow the club's 3,000 hard core support will be shouting for their Football League lives.



Roeder: tough start

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools British Gas Trophy, final, first leg: Sheffield 2, Liverpool 2.
ENGLISH HAUGH TROPHY FINAL: Bromley 4, North Kent 0.
Late results on Thursday
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Stafford 0, Wycombe 1; Wilton 0, Runcorn 3.
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Lamot Pils Trophy: Final: Maghull 1, Stanlondale 2.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Solihull 1, Dover Athletic 2. Southern division: Buckingham Town 0, Witney Town 0, Erith and Belvedere 1, Fisher Athletic 0.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division play-offs: Bohemians 2, Shelbourne 1.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow 4, Sutton United 3
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: President's Cup: Final: Second leg: Southport 4, Winsford 3 (agg: 4-5). First division: Warrington Town 0, Bridlington Town 1.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth 2, Queens Park Rangers 5.
PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Coventry 0, Port Vale 1, Wigan Athletic 0, Preston North End 2

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto 8, Kansas City 0, Chicago 7, Milwaukee 4; Baltimore 11, Minnesota 0; Detroit 3, Texas 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis 5, Colorado 2, Philadelphia 5, San Diego 3; San Francisco 10, New York 5. Florida 6, Atlanta 5. Houston 5, Chicago 4; Montreal 7, Los Angeles 3 Postponed: Cincinnati v Pittsburgh

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA) play-off games. Eastern Conference: Cleveland 114, New Jersey 98 (Cleveland lead best-of-five series 1-0). Boston 112 Charlotte 101 (Boston lead best-of-five series 1-0). Western Conference: Houston 117, LA Clippers 94 (Houston lead best-of-five series 1-0). San Antonio 97, Portland 86 (San Antonio lead best-of-five series 1-0)

BOWLS

JERSEY: Seven Countries Classic: Pairs: First round: England (G Smyth and G Burgess) 30, Jersey (L Nixon and C Renouf) 14, Ireland (J Smyth and N Graham) 29, Guernsey (M Smith and K Mellor) 9; Wales (T Rowlands and R Weale) 31, Israel (Y Gavish and J Millar 14) Second round: Ireland 17, Scotland (D Peacock and A Marshall) 16; Wales 21, England 18. Jersey 16, Israel 11 Triples: First round: England (I Boyle, R Gass, M Selger) 22, Jersey (A Syvret, A Quenard, B Noel) 13, Ireland (V Dallas, I McClure, C Davis) 19, Guernsey (J Quenpel, A Welsh, P Ingoville) 7; Israel (L Blum, L Avenbuch, L Mendelsohn) 24, Wales (W Matthews, B Kingdon, S Wiltshire) 15 Second round: Scotland (W Galloway, R Provan, A Blair) 15, Ireland 15; England 18, Wales 13, Israel 18, Jersey 15

BOXING

LEVALLOIS, France: European lightweight championship: Jean-Baptiste Mendy (Fr) bt Carl Crook (GB), rsc 8th rnd.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Eastbourne 167, Ardingly 168-5; Poole GS 171-6 dec, Milton Abbey 76; William Hulme GS 239-1 dec (N T Wood 145, not out), Bury GS 208-7 (R Ankers 128 not out)
THE PARKS: Berkshire 143 all out (48 overs) Oxford University 144 for 4 (44.1 overs, H Malik 52 not out; N Fowler 50) Oxford won by six wickets

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Fourth stage (La Gudina to Salamanca, 233km): 1, J van Poppel (Holl), 5hr 45min 50sec; 2, A Baffi (It); 3, L Jalabert (Fr), 4, D Abdoujaparov (Uzbekistan); 5, R Pagnin (It), 6, A Sadov (Rus), all same time. Other results: 105, M Earley (Ire), 109, R Millar (GB), both same time; 156, N Perry (GB), 42sec behind Overall: 1, A Zuelle (Switz), 15hr 37min 56sec; 2, Jalabert, 29sec behind; 3, E Breukink (Holl), 30, 4, T Rominger (Switz), same time; 5, M Alonso (Sp), 32. Other places: 77, Millar, 1:21, 109, Earley, 1:43, 166, Perry, 21 43.

GOLF

TALLAHASSEE, Florida: Sprint Women's Classic: First round: (US unless stated), 68: K Albers 68: P Dunlap 69: H Stacy, N Scranton, L Fettenhouse, L Newmann (Swe), H Kobayashi (Japan), G Graham (Can), D Andrew:, S Croce (It) 70: P Sinn (Kor), J Wyatt (Can), J Stephenson (Aust), D Coe-Jones (Can), H Alfredsson (Swe), L Walters (Can), A-M Palli (Fr), A Okamoto (Japan), N Le Roux (SA), J Crafter (Aus), B Burikowski (Can), P Wright (GB), N White (Can)
TAIPEI: Alfred Dunhill Cup: World qualifying tournament: First round (best two to count): 141: Mexico (R Alarcon 69, C Espinoza 81, J Brito 72), Sweden (M Lanner 73, J Haeggman 69, F Lundgren 72) 143: Philippines (D Zarate 74, E Baglas 72, R Cuello 71), 144: South Africa (E Els 72, R Goosen 72, R Wessels 74); Paraguay (C Franco 73, A Franco 71, R Freites 73); Switzerland (P Quirici 78, A Bossert 71, S Rey 73), 145: Thailand (P Marksaeng 76, B Ruangkit 73, S Sangsu 72), 146: Hong Kong (R Kan 73, Yau Siu Ming 73, D Boutsi 76), British score: 149: Wales (P Parkin 78, P Price 74, D Llewellyn 75)

LACROSSE

PERTH: International match: Australia 0, England 3

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE: First round play-offs: Detroit 7, Toronto 3 (best-of-seven series tied 3-3), Vancouver 4, Winnipeg 3 (OT) (Vancouver win best-of-seven series 4-2), Los Angeles 9, Calgary 6 (Los Angeles win best-of-seven series 4-2). Vancouver and Los Angeles advance to Smythe Division final.

REAL TENNIS

SEACOURT: George Wimpey British Women's Open Championship. Second round: (British unless stated) A Cockcroft bt S Reilly (US), 6-3, 6-5, P Lumley bt I Tuffnell, 6-0, 6-0, A Garsede bt J Miller, 6-0, 6-0; K Allen bt J Lippincott (US), 6-1, 6-0; M Hoppell bt M Pignon, 6-1, 6-1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

RL ACADEMY CHALLENGE CUP, semi-final: Hull 26, Featherstone Rovers 8

SQUASH

AIX-EN-PROVENCE: European team championships: Women, semi-finals: England 3, Germany 0 (C Jackman bt S Schone, 2-9, 9-3, 10-8, 9-3, S Horner bt S Baum, 9-3, 9-3, 9-0; S Wright bt S Bartel, 9-6, 9-4, 9-1. Netherlands 3, Ireland 0 (H Van Hoorn bt R O'Callaghan, 4-9, 9-7, 2-9, 9-5, 9-3, D Sommers bt A McArdle 9-0, 9-2, 9-0; M Houtsman bt M Croke 9-4, 9-2, 9-2. Fifth placed play-offs: Scotland 3, Wales 0; France 2, Sweden 1. Ninth place play-offs: Denmark 3, Austria 0. Men: fifth place play-offs: Scotland 3, Holland 1 (M Maclean lost to L But, 5-9, 2-9, 3-9; P Nicol bt R Scheffer, 9-0, 9-5, 9-1; D Ritchie bt M Verlogen, 9-3, 5-9, 6-9, 9-1, 9-5; D Gordon bt J Van de Valte 9-5, 9-3, 9-0 Ninth place play-offs: Norway 4, Luxembourg 0; Spain 3, Italy 1.

WISPA WORLD LEADING RANKINGS: 1, M Martin (Aus); 2, M Le Moignan (Eng); 3, S Horner (Eng); 4, S Wright (Eng); 5, C Jackman (Eng); 6, L Irving (Aus); 7, S FitzGerald (Aus), 8, H Wallace (Can); 9, S Schone (Ger); 10, L Opie (Eng); 11, R O'Callaghan (Ire); 12, J Martin (Eng); 13, F Geaves (Eng); 14, C Nitch (SA), 15, S Bradey (Aus), 16 R Macree (Eng); 17, T Mylymaemi (Fin); 18, L Charman (Eng); 19, C Owens (Aus), 20, V Cardwell (Aus).

TENNIS

ATLANTA: Men's tournament: Second round: J Blingh (Holl) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, A Gomez (Ecj bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.
MADRID: Men's tournament: Second round: S Edberg (Swe) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-4, 6-3; S Bruguera (Sp) bt M Filippini (Uru), 6-2, 6-2; A Corretja (Sp) bt G Markus (Arg), 6-3, 6-4; J Burillo (Sp) bt F Clavet (Sp), 6-4, 7-5.

DAVIS CUP: Euro/African Zone: Group III round-robin event (in Lusaka) Zambia bt Turkey, 2-1, Latvia 3, San Marino 0; Slovenia 3, Congo 0.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

St Albans ruling defended

By Walter Gammie

PETER Hunter, the secretary of the GM Vauxhall Conference, has defended his league's ground grading demands despite criticism from St Albans that they are unfair. St Albans are upset at being forced to withdraw their application for promotion from the Diadora League after being ordered to cut down two oak trees on their terraces.

"Only two clubs will go down from the Conference if Dover and Southport are accepted," Hunter said. "Dover are 99.9 per cent certain of coming up — there are just one or two technicalities to sort out — and Southport are beavering away at getting their ground up to scratch. We will be inspecting their ground on May 10.

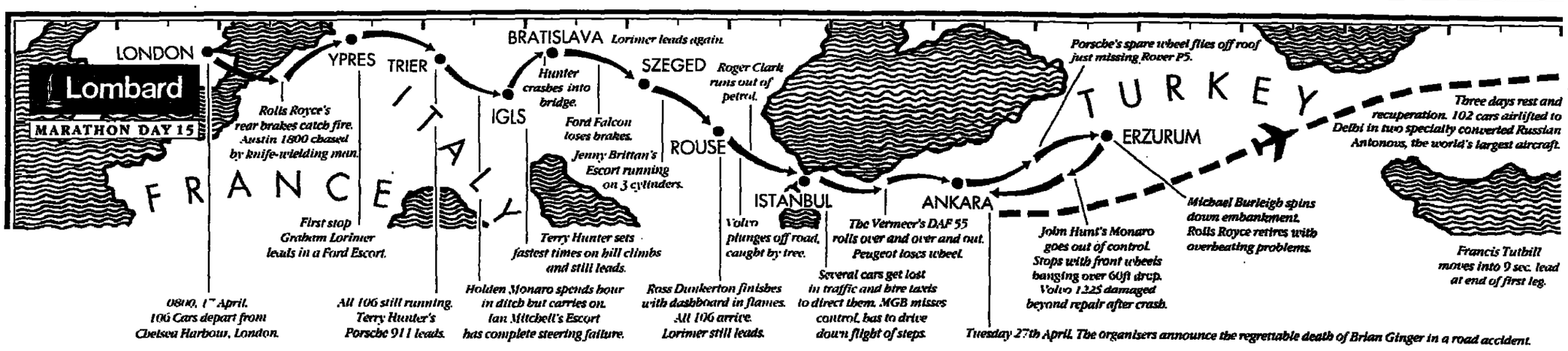
"Clubs get very hectic around December and January when they get points in the league table. It happens every year, but the existing criteria have been in place for four years, and criteria have been laid down for 13 years. I suppose we should take it as a compliment that they are so desperate to get into the Conference."

Since 1985-6, the Conference has taken three clubs from the feeder leagues and relegated three. "We've bent over backwards to help clubs," Hunter said. "We gave extra time to clubs last season and tried to make minor changes to help them this season. Then we get St Albans saying that they should be allowed to keep their trees because there is no specific mention of them in the criteria. By the same token, you cannot have swimming pools, children's sandpits and swings. We are talking about football grounds."

Hunter recognises that no more than about six clubs can meet Conference's demands without wholesale redevelopment. He says setting high standards is vital because "we don't want any side to win the Conference that wouldn't be able to step up into the Football League".

He accepts that some clubs in the Conference do not match the existing criteria. "but they got there before they were imposed. We throw the same argument at the Football League".

Boston United are already relegated, after 13 seasons in the Conference, but the scramble to avoid the remaining exit door will not be settled until the final round of matches today.



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Britain in disarray after opening-day defeats

FROM DAVID POWELL IN BUDAPEST

BRITAIN look certain this weekend to step off the island here in the centre of the Danube and into the desert of the Davis Cup.

After the first day of their Europe-Africa zonal match against Hungary, staged on Margit Island, they trail 2-0 and, unless they can win the three remaining rubbers, they will be further than ever from the civilisation of world tennis.

Defeat would put Britain a long, long way from the world group, which is the competition's first division of 16 nations. No fate better than that seems likely now after Jeremy Bates and Chris Wilkinson lost yesterday against players much more lowly ranked than themselves. Wilkinson lost 6-4, 6-2, 7-5 to Josef Kroschko, the Hungarian No 1, then Bates went down 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 to Sandor Noszaly, their No 2.

Neither the opposition nor the venue held much appeal to the locals, and no more than 400 came to watch. Britain's players are journeymen professionals, and the stadium in which the tie is being played is a rickety structure, with almost half its seats marked out of bounds because they are unsafe. The benches remaining are dirty and splintered, and will remain so for some time yet.

Out of the ashes of communism has sprung an argument between the Ujpest Dosza club, the government, and the Hungarian Tennis Federation, over which of them owns the complex. None will spend on improvements until the disagreement is settled.

Those who came gave noisy support and Noszaly especially drew energy from the atmosphere. Tall and muscular, he is something of a white man's Linford Christie. He bulldozered his way through the first set, leaving Bates stranded time and again with his blistering forehand.

Then the sprinter in him died for a while. In the second set, his heavy shots kept finding the net, or went beyond the boundaries. Bates, exploring the angle as best he could, patiently waited for the mistakes to come. They did, and he levelled at 1-1.

Then, inexplicably, Bates's game went to pieces in the third set. But, in the fourth, he broke Noszaly's service in the sixth game, only to be broken back immediately. However, with great athleticism, he broke again, taking a 5-3 lead by stretching down low to the right of the back of the court, and spooning up a winning forehand down the line. He served out to love to take the rubber into a fifth set.

A titanic struggle seemed in the making as the first four games brought long deuces; but Bates emerged 3-1 behind, leaving Noszaly confident enough to try his big shots again. They worked a treat, and the Hungarian raced through the next three games.

Wilkinson, on first and playing his first live Davis Cup rubber, made a promising start against Kroschko, but his 3-1 lead in the first set was a false alarm for the Hungarians. The Briton's lack of a damaging shot left him weapon-less aginst the greater craft of his opponent.

RESULTS (GB names first): C Wilkinson lost to J Kroschko, 6-4, 6-2, 7-5; J Bates lost to S Noszaly, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

☐ Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, the top seed, moved into the semi-finals of the City of Madrid grand prix with an easy 6-3, 6-2 win over Alex Corretja, of Spain. Edberg will play the fifth seed, Emilio Sánchez, of Spain, who beat his compatriot, Carlos Costa, 7-6, 4-6, 7-5.



Stroke of misfortune: Jill Kinloch, who shared the first-round lead, on the way to a disappointing 81 in the second round of the Ford Classic at Woburn yesterday

Palli takes one-shot lead over Johnson

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

VERONIQUE Palli, of France, was the early and unexpected leader after two rounds of the Ford Classic at Woburn yesterday. Palli, largely unsung, but whose older sister, Anne-Marie, has won twice in the United States, became the first player to break 70 over the Duchess course this week. Her 69, five under par, gave her a total of 142, six under.

She was one shot ahead of Trish Johnson, the pre-tournament favourite, who had a 72, playing, she reckoned, at about 40 per cent of her capacity.

Johnson, who leads the money list in the United States after two victories there in April, confessed that she was baffled and uttered the heartfelt cry of golfers through the ages: "How can you go from very, very good to very average so quickly?" The only known response is a sympathetic shrug.

"I played at Moor Park a week ago and it was fantastic," she said, "the best I've ever hit the ball. I know it's something very small but I hit too many bad shots and didn't putt well. I'll have to play a lot better if I want to win."

It was a long, disjointed day because fog, a perennial problem at Woburn, which is perched 600 feet up a hill on the Bedfordshire-Buckinghamshire border. It caused a delay of nearly 3½ hours. Johnson, for example, arrived at the course at a 7.45am, expecting to tee off at 9.10am. Four visits to the practice ground later, she teed off at 12.30pm.

Some 4½ hours later, after four birdies and two bogeys, she was in, so weary that she could barely recall the course. Starting at the 10th helped the disorientation process. Any sensible soul would have immediately hid in the locker-room to be pampered by Gail Neckel, the aromatherapist in residence, but Johnson, a true professional, intended heading back to the range.

Palli is from St Jean de Luz, near Biarritz, the area where many of France's best golfers have been born or bred — Catherine Lacoste and Marie-Laure de Lorenzi are two that spring to mind —but she achieved little in her first two years as a professional. A tie for 25th was her best placing but some solid practice in Belgium this winter — and 25 putts yesterday — had an effect.

She started with four birdies in a row, to go out in 33, four under par, and had two more birdies at the 14th and 15th, both par fives where she chipped to two feet. She dropped her only shot at the 18th, where she drove right and, wanting to hit a fade for her second shot, hoicked it left instead.

Out on the course in calm, sunny conditions, Dale Reid and Regine Lautens were five under. Annika Sorenstam, who holed an eight-iron for an eagle two at the 9th, was three under. Janet Soulsby, winner of the Singapore Open earlier this season, was flying. She holed a three-wood for an albatross two at the 1st, a par five of 415 yards, where Sally Prosser, her playing partner, tapped in from nine inches for an eagle three, and had three birdies in the next five holes. It was a welcome start after a first round of 79.

It was not such a good day for Jill Kinloch, the Scot who shared the lead after the first-round. She followed up her 70 with an 81.

SECOND ROUND

GB and Ireland unless stated

142: V Palli (Fr), 73, 69. 143: P Johnson, 71, 72. 148: K Lunn (Aus), 75, 71. 147: S Moon (US), 73, 74; S Mendiburu (Fr), 73, 74. 148: H Dobson, 74, 74. 149: A Shapcott, 75, 73. 150: L Davies, 76, 74; K Parker (US), 75, 75; A Nicholas, 76, 74; C Panton-Lewis, 77, 73; M Navarro (Sp), 73, 77; W Dicks, 72, 78. 151: C Hjalmarsson (Swe), 75, 76; K Espinasse (Fr), 77, 74; K Marshall, 74, 77; J Kinloch, 70, 81. 152: J Germs (SA), 79, 73; S Keogh, 77, 75; K Skelcky (US), 74, 78; S Waugh (Aus), 76, 76. 153: W Doolan (Aus), 73, 80; R Comstock (US), 77, 76. 154: T Hammond, 78, 76. 155: M Wright, 75, 80; C Nilsmark (Swe), 79, 76. E Aron (Fr), 80, 75. 156: X Wunsch (Sp), 76, 80.

Hendry finds top gear with six-frame streak

BY PHIL YATES

STEPHEN Hendry, who has become accustomed to winning matches the easy way over the past fortnight, did the spade work for another untroubled passage as he established a commanding 10-5 lead over Alan McManus in their best-of-31-frame Embassy world snooker championship semi-final in Sheffield yesterday.

When McManus held the champion to 4-4 after Thursday's first session and edged 5-4 ahead with a 49 break, Hendry looked vulnerable. The first all-Scottish semi-final in the 66-year history of the championship began to have the makings of a close finish.

At that point Hendry may have recalled his defeats at the hands of McManus in the quarter-finals of this season's United Kingdom championship, and World Matchplay. However, he is so confident and technically grooved that he is well equipped to deal with such a mini-crisis — and did so emphatically by winning the next six frames with silky break-building and incisive finishing.

On three occasions Hendry, with runs of 86, 92 and 86, only narrowly failed to compile his 33rd century break in world championship play and thereby move to the head of a list on which he shares top spot with Steve Davis, his great rival. Hendry's most significant contribution to the session, though, was a modest last red-to-pink clearance of 28 in the twelfth frame. It earnt him a two-frame cushion at 7-5, and some crucial breathing space.

Two pots in the break served to emphasise Hendry's iron nerve and fearless commitment to an attacking philosophy. They were a tricky brown and an equally missable pink, both cut across the baulk cushion, when a mistake would have definitely lost him the frame.

When the match is played to a finish today, Hendry will need six of the remaining 16 frames, while McManus, who now looks destined to have featured in the semi-finals of ten tournaments this season without going on to win a single one, needs 11.

An unlikely six-frame winning sequence, in the light of how he was cueing and scoring, enabled Jimmy White to transform a 5-2 overnight deficit into an 8-6 lead over James Wattana after two sessions of their semi-final.

Wattana, who received a good luck message from the Prime Minister of Thailand, had earlier increased his lead to 6-2 as he monopolised table time in the first frame of the day with breaks of 43 and 40. It was to be his only success of the morning.

The next four frames went to White. Drawing level at 6-6 obviously relieved some of the inhibiting tension the United Kingdom champion had been experiencing, for he then produced a superb 104 break.

White, who collected a £114,000 bonus by compiling a 147 maximum break the first round last year had a chance to repeat the feat when he potted the first 13 reds with 13 blacks. But he was a whisker away from splitting the two remaining reds off the thirteenth black. Consolation came in the form of his victory in the closing frame of the session. Wattana, well placed to fashion a winning clearance from 57-9 behind, missed a straightforward black.

LATEST POSITIONS: Semi-finals: S Hendry (Scot) leads A McManus (Scot), 10-5; J White (Eng) leads J Wattana (Thai), 8-6.



Wattana: out of luck

SPORT IN BRIEF

Spence in contention as stars fly home

Severiano Ballesteros led a star-studded trail of players to Nice Airport last night, all early departures from the Cannes Open.

While the Australian, Rodger Davis (64) and Pierre Fulke (66), of Sweden, cruised to ten-under-par halfway totals of 132, out went Ballesteros and three members of the last Ryder Cup team — David Feherty, Steve Richardson and Mark James. Bernard Gallacher, who started the day one off the lead, also missed the cut. Jamie Spence remains in contention, three shots adrift with the Spaniard, Manuel Piñero.

Ballesteros failed to produce a single birdie in a second round of 73 to add to his opening 71, and has now bowed out early in seven of his last 12 European tour events. "I just didn't play well. Ballesteros, who had hinted at a revival by finishing eleventh in the Masters earlier this month, said.

Gallacher, now playing only part-time, tumbled to an 80, 13 strokes worse than his first round. "Everything went wrong today, whereas everything went right yesterday," he said.

Slatter strokes ahead

SWIMMING: Helen Slatter, of Warrington Warriors, is aiming to confirm her position as Britain's best woman all-rounder at the Speedo grand prix final at the Empire Pool in Cardiff over the next three days. That Slatter will emerge again as champion of the medley category is doubted by few, but she could also rival the specialists of the four strokes that make up the medley. At the Optrex World Challenge on Easter Monday, Slatter swam within a fraction of the 200 metres backstroke short-course British record. If repeated, such form would threaten Kathy Osher's defence of the backstroke category title.

Cardiff will also witness the first race since the Olympics between Mark Foster and Mike Fibbens, Britain's leading sprinters. Foster, sixth in the 50 metres freestyle final in Barcelona, has since claimed the World Cup 50 metres freestyle title, a short-course world record and the accolade of "fastest man in water".

Clark's medal chance

BADMINTON: Gill Clark, Gillian Gowers, and Nick Ponting have been seeded twice in the world championships at the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, later this month. Clark, Britain's best chance of a championship medal since 1987, is seeded, with Gowers, in the women's doubles, and in the mixed doubles with Ponting. Gowers, a former All England finalist with Clark, is also seeded with Sweden's Peter Axelsson in the mixed. Ponting and Simon Archer, a bright new partnership which has excelled this season on the European circuit, will play in the men's doubles.Heryanto Arbi and Susi Susanti, the two All England champions from Indonesia, are the top seeds in the singles events.

Confident Akinwande

BOXING: Henry Akinwande, of Britain, will meet Axel Schulz, the unbeaten German, for the vacant European heavyweight title in Berlin tonight. He held Schulz to a draw in a title contest last December, then won the Commonwealth crown by beating Jimmy Thunder. The 6ft 7in Akinwande faces the bullish Schulz in a small ring which will suit the German's crowding style. But Akinwande's manager, Mickey Duff, said his man, more mobile than his opponent, had learnt enough from the first bout and shown enough aggressive form in sparring to beat the German. Akinwande, who will collect a £75,000 purse, said: "They know they've got a fight on their hands this time."

Promotion for two

SQUASH: Suzanne Horner and Sue Wright are promoted above Cassandra Jackman, the national champion, on the new world ranking list issued today by the Women's International Squash Players' Association. Michelle Martin, of Australia, heads the rankings and Martine Le Moignan, of England, is second. Horner's elevation to her highest ranking as world No 3 follows an increasingly effective season at the age of 30, which culminated in her second unsuccessful British Open final. Wright is ranked fourth. England's women beat Germany in the European team championships yesterday to reach the final against Holland, who beat Ireland 3-0 in the other semi-final.

Eights go into battle

ROWING: More than 200 crews will take part in a ten-hour racing programme at Wallingford Regatta today. London RC, who finished in the top 20 three times in the Tideway Head, start favourites for the Open Eights, but face a tough first round against Eton, who will be keen to prove their speed after losing their Schools Head title to Kingston Grammar. The Kingston schoolboys, racing in Senior 3, have not rowed against Eton, but face an equally hard first round race against Hampton. St Edwards, just behind Kingston and Eton in the Tideway Head, are competing in Senior 1 and Senior 2 Eights. City of Oxford are favourites in the Women's Eights.

Top seeds hold court

REAL TENNIS: The top seeds, Penny Lumley, the world champion, and Alex Garside, the world doubles champion, both reached the quarter-finals of the George Wimpey British Open women's championship at Seacourt yesterday without losing a game. Lumley dismissed the challenge of the home player, Isobel Tuffnell, in powerful style, cutting the ball severely and giving her opponent little chance. Garside had to work harder against the talented Jo Miller, but her home court advantage and increased mobility gave her the edge.

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Gosden seeks wisdom from classics

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

As John Gosden travels his 2,000 Guineas horses from Stanley House stables to Newmarket racecourse this morning, he might reflect on the day, in October 1979, he set out on his own particular journey.

Aged 28 and based on the west coast of America, Gosden ignored his father's advice and joined the ranks of racehorse trainers. He had three worn-out thoroughbreds under his wing.

The promise of a small team of horses from Robert Sangster's Ballydoyle syndicate kept him warm through the winter, but the most significant event in Gosden's early career came when he was asked by Lucien Lauren, the trainer of the legendary Secretariat, to inspect a yearling colt by Sir Ivor. The colt had attracted little interest at the Newmarket autumn sales: Gosden could take it to California if he liked what he saw.

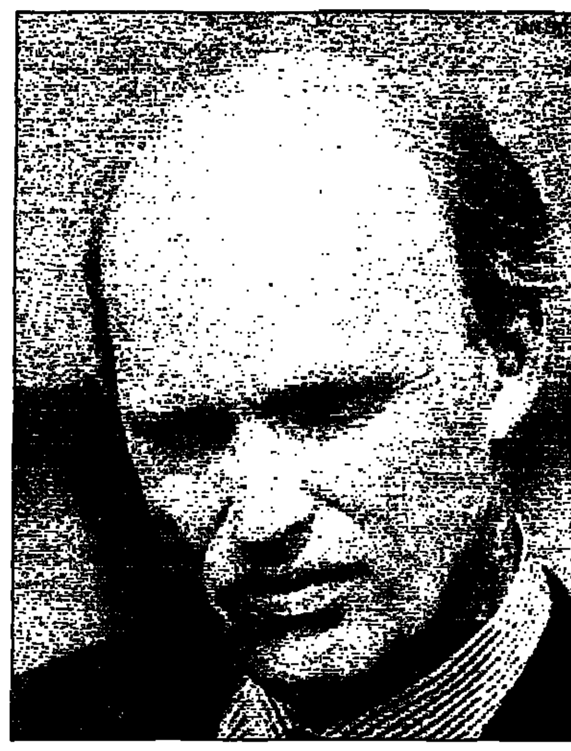
So tight were the purse strings that Gosden slept overnight on the floor of Atlanta airport before telling Lauren he would be delighted to have the horse. "I was so desperate I would have taken him even if he had three legs," Gosden recalled.

Named Bates Motel after the hostelry in the Hitchcock classic *Psycho*, the colt enjoyed a rags-to-riches career in the best Hollywood tradition: he was named the champion older horse after taking seven starts to win his first race.

Gosden's equine education with Europe's finest trainers initially counted for little in California. As Gosden put it: "The open spaces of Newmarket are very different from the way 2,000 horses are trained on dirt in the middle of a city." But if Bates Motel was slow to learn, his tutor was not.

Now, four years after returning to Britain, Gosden, 42, has adapted so quickly that it is hard to imagine the winner's enclosure without him. He has shown the rare ability to improve a horse as its career unfolds, a priceless commodity and one for which his father, "Towser", was also respected.

Such training skills were evident in Felawnah's fine fourth in Thursday's 1,000 Guineas on only her third racecourse start. The filly has undoubted potential but Gosden's immediate battle plan was typically modest. "I'd like to win an ordinary maiden with her if I can," he said. He knows that Shaikh Mohammed did not bring him back from California to plunder ordinary maidens.



Fast learner: Gosden's graduation is just down the track

There has been a sense of unease evident among some of the shaikh's trainers at the owner's relative lack of success, but Gosden is not among them. Of his principal patron, he says: "Shaikh Mohammed is very much at one with horses, and that is a big help. When things go wrong he tells me to remember that they are only flesh and blood."

This comes in great contrast to some of the Hollywood set. "People like Cary Grant, they were good fun, but I find it hard to explain the things that can commonly go wrong," Gosden said. "Horses are not motor bikes; *you can't just change a part and it's fixed.*"

To engage Gosden in talk of horses is to hear a man stressing the individuality of them. It is immediately obvious why his travels around South America — when he was trying to escape the lure of training — saw him repeatedly wind up at the racetrack in Venezuela at 2am, watching thoroughbreds work out before a stifling heat accompanied the break of day.

We can also expect him to play a prominent part in racing politics, a minefield for which he has already displayed a considerable feel. *In the more immediate* future, however, he has the 2,000 Guineas chances of Pembroke and Emperor Jones to consider. Both should give a good account of themselves, he said, without expressing great confidence in either colt.

He may not quite pull it off this time. But in future years there is little doubt Gosden's Guineas hand will appear a deal stronger on the eve of the race. In the classic arena, Gosden's best is yet to come.

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1 34PP COXANN 14 (B,D,G,S) J McConnochie 7-12-0 .... E Tolhurst (7)
2 P-2P DAVID'S DUKY 7 (G,S) J White 11-12-0 .... A Thornton (3)
3 0060 HOME TO ROOST 21 (B,G,S) F Jesan 13-12-0 Miss F Barnes (7)
4 56-0 ARTIFICER 49 Mrs S Taylor 7-11-8 .... N Hardman (7)
5 F0 BALLY FLAME 21 Mrs M Kendal 7-11-8 .... Miss H Bevan (7)
6 0-00 DREADNOUGHT 143 (S) J Carden 13-11-8 .... J Carden (7)
7 /00- MANWELL 511 G Temple 6-11-8 .... S Walker (7)
8 /2F- MR PANACHE 614 (F) J Hubbuck 11-11-8 .... S Heslop (7)
9 PUF0 PRECIOUS MEMORIES 5F (G) M Naughton 8-11-8 M Bockley (5)
10 50P PRONOUNCED 74 J Edwards 6-11-8 .... A Farrant (5)
11 333F REAL CLASS 10 (F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-8 .... J Weymes (7)
12 0 REVEL 19 T Gibson 5-11-8 .... M Coglan (7)
13 /0-05 HIGHLAND RIVER 19 T Cuthbert 6-11-3 .... Mrs H Johnston (7)
14 3PP0/ SMOKE 262F W Reed 7-11-3 .... D Parker (7)
15 -230 SWISS BEAUTY 228 Miss Z Green 5-11-3 .... N Wilson (5)
16 0 TYMPANIST 51 J Brockbank 5-11-3 .... R Hale (7)
17 5242 AUBURN CASTLE 18 M W Easterby 4-11-2 .... S Swiers
18 FIRST EVER R Lamb 4-11-2 .... A Manners (7)
19 00P0 RAP UP FAST 19 N Waggott 4-11-2 .... S Pittendrigh (7)
20 PP4 KENTUCKY CHICKEN 67 (B) D Swindlehurst 4-10-11 .... D Swindlehurst (7)

9-4 Auburn Castle, 3-1 David's Duky, 6-1 Real Class, 9-1 Coxann, 11-1 Pronounced, 12-1 Highland River, 14-1 others.

6.15 DIPTON MILL NOVICES CHASE (£1,436: 2m 4f 110yd)(8)

1 U6UU AWKAS 7 (G,S) G Moore 8-11-10 .... N Bentley (3)
2 6045 MILITARY HONOUR 15 (B,C,G,S) J Swiers 8-11-10 Mr S Swiers
3 U212 RUFUS 21 (V,S) J Edwards 7-11-10 .... N Williamson
4 4-00 DAWN COYOTE 21 (S) Mrs S Taylor 10-11-3 .... G Harker
5 2355 MOSS BEE 7 W Reed 6-11-3 .... T Reed
6 534P OVER THE STYX 24 G Richards 8-11-3 .... G McCourt
7 F504 DIZZY DEALER 7 Mrs J Jordan 6-10-12 .... S Taylor (7)
8 /42F3 GONE ASTRAY 7 (S) F Walton 8-10-12 .... B Storey

5-4 Rufus, 3-1 Gone Astray, 5-1 Over The Styx, 10-1 Moss Bee, 14-1 Dawn Coyote, 16-1 Military Honour, 20-1 others.

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TRAINERS: W Bentley, 8 winners from 24 runners, 33.3%; J Edwards, 3 from 11, 27.3%; G Moore, 28 from 103, 27.2%; G Richards, 31 from 130, 23.8%; L Lungo, 5 from 22, 22.7%; M Hammond, 15 from 76, 19.7%; M Naughton, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: N Bentley, 9 winners from 30 rides, 30.0%; G McCourt, 11 from 40, 27.5%; A Larnach, 6 from 22, 27.3%; C Grant, 36 from 148, 24.3%; L O'Hara, 13 from 80, 16.3%; J Callaghan, 9 from 59, 15.3%.

6.45 DEVILS WATER SELLING HURDLE (£1,422: 2m 4f 110yd)(11)

1 -531 AL SAHIL 21 (B,G,S) J White 8-12-1 .... K Comerford (7)
2 1224 SERPHIL 46 (B,CD,F,S) L Lungo 5-12-1 .... F Perratt (7)
3 0525 AS D'EBOLI 21 (F) M Hammond 6-11-9 .... C Grant
4 04P3 JIMMY MAC JIMMY 7 (S) Miss L Perratt 6-11-9 .... L O'Hara
5 3-00 SILENT RING 215 (B,F,G) N Waggott 7-11-9 Mr S Pittendrigh (7)
6 5413/ KIRKLEES ROCK 726 (F) W Bentley 6-11-4 .... S Taylor (7)
7 40UP BAVARD BAY 8 (V,S) G Richards 9-11-3 .... G McCourt
8 550/P FLAXON WORRIOR 9 A Le Blond 9-11-3 .... T Reed
9 P-00 RED TEMPEST 26 J Goldie 5-11-3 .... P Williams (5)
10 P VERBAL WARNING 85 W Storey 5-11-3 .... K Doolan
11 SANDFORTH WAY Martyn Wane 4-10-6 .... C Dennis (3)

Evens As d'Eboli, 7-2 Jimmy Mac Jimmy, 9-2 Al Sahil, 8-1 Serphil, 16-1 Kirklees Rock, 20-1 others.

7.15 NORTH TYNE MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,660: 3m) (15)

1 20 AMADEUS 19 M Hammond 5-11-7 .... C Grant
2 4532 BEE DEE BOY 19 G Richards 5-11-7 .... B Harding (7)
3 4 BOB'S REQUEST 3 J Charlton 5-11-7 .... B Storey
4 50P DANBURY LAD 19 M Hammond 5-11-7 .... A Orkney
5 02 DORLIN CASTLE 51 L Lungo 5-11-7 .... T Reed
6 0 LAUDER SQUARE 3 T Dun 5-11-7 .... P Williams (5)
7 0-PP LORD TIM 8 J Hellens 5-11-7 .... A Larnach (3)
8 2-34 TARAMOSS 19 (BF) J Edwards 6-11-7 .... N Williamson
9 0P THE ENERGISER 73 R Lamb 7-11-7 .... A Merrigan
10 -655 WHO SIR 19 J J O'Neill 7-11-7 .... A Dobbin (3)
11 0 DUCHESS OF TUBBER 49 R Fisher 5-11-2 .. Mr A Thornton (3)
12 FAIR ROWANNA Mrs M Stark 5-11-2 .... Mr S Swiers
13 0055 JOLI EXCITING 33 J Adam 8-11-2 .... K Johnson
14 0320 MARSDEN ROCK 44 N Mason 6-11-2 .... J Supple (7)
15 6 MOONLIGHT CRUISE 73 P Beaumont 5-11-2 .... C Hawkins

2-1 Taramoss, 3-1 Dorlin Castle, 4-1 Bee Dee Boy, 5-1 Who Sir, 8-1 Marsden Rock, 12-1 others.

7.45 TANT PIS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,970: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 FFF0 STAGS FELL 36 (F,G) G Moore 8-11-10 .... T Reed
2 6603 BLACK SPUR 103 (C,D,F,G,S) J Charlton 11-11-5 .... B Storey
3 546F MERITMOORE 7 (B,C,G,S) G Moore 10-11-0 .... J Callaghan
4 3024 POSITIVE ACTION 7 (BF,CD,F,S) M Barnes 7-10-9 A Dobbin (3)
5 0520 PORTAVOGIE 19 (G,S) C Parker 9-10-6 .... Mr D Parker (7)

9-4 Meritmoore, 7-2 Black Spur, Positive Action, 6-1 Portavogie, 12-1 Stags Fell.

8.15 MICHAEL HENDERSON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,548: 2m) (7)

1 2054 SEON 19 (CD,F,G,S) W Bentley 7-11-10 .... N Bentley (3)
2 0141 PRECIPICE RUN 14 (CD,G,S) G Richards 8-11-0 .... G McCourt
3 1401 BLUE DISC 21 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 8-10-6 .... S Taylor (7)
4 2112 CASUAL PASS 3 (B,BF,D,F,G,S) L Lungo 10-10-3 .... T Reed
5 2826 BALLYLORD 7 (CD,G,S) J J O'Neill 9-10-3 .... A Dobbin (3)
6 0052 WHITEWEBB 63 (V,D,G,S) B Murray 6-10-0 .... N Williamson
7 6-00 LOCHEART LADY 113 (G) A Stringer 6-10-0 .... J Callaghan

9-4 Ballylord, 3-1 Seon, 4-1 Casual Pass, 5-1 Precipice Run, 6-1 Blue Disc, 8-1 Whitewebb, 20-1 Locheart Lady.

Tenacious Tenby in command

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

TENBY refreshed the expectant Newmarket gallery of his great zest for racing when outrunning Planetary Aspect in the Newmarket Stakes over ten furlongs yesterday. The victory maintained his stranglehold on the Derby betting, with Corals impressed enough to cut him a point to 4-1. Victor Chandler offer 5-1.

In a race that developed into a four-furlong sprint, Tenby positively relished the close attentions of Robert Sangster's contender before grinding out a half-length victory.

This performance was all that could be expected from the Henry Cecil graduate at this early stage of the season, particularly as he was giving 8lb away all round. As the trainer said afterwards: "The plan is Epsom, not the Newmarket Stakes."

Pat Eddery seemed anxious not to make the running on Tenby, who might just stand over 15 hands high, with his racing plates on. But when he asked the colt to lengthen his stride, the Irishman was more than pleased with the response.

"When he goes over one-and-a-half miles he'll be even better," Eddery enthused. Tenby now heads for the Dante Stakes at York.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

1.00 Gisarne. 1.30 Palacegate Episode. 2.00 Little Bean. 2.35 Jack Button. 3.05 Tej Singh. 3.35 Ambiguously Regal.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.00 HENRY COOKE LUMSDEN MAIDEN STAKES BBC1 (3-Y-0 fillies: £3,525: 1m 2f 120yd) (7 runners)

1 (4) 0- BRONZE MAQUETTE 240 (Mrs P Blacker) P Cole 8-11 .... C Rutter –
2 (1) FAIR TO THE WIND (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 .... B Raymond –
3 (6) GISARNE (Racing Welfare) J Dunlop 8-11 .... W Newnes –
4 (3) 4-4 LICORNE 19 (BF) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-11 .... W Ryan 89
5 (7) 533- PRINCESS TATEUM 197 (J Good) M Channon 8-11 .... Dean McKeown 89
6 (2) 0- ROSE NOBLE 185 (Lady Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 8-11 .... J Carroll –
7 (5) 03- TAHDID 193 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 .... R Hills 84

BETTING: 9-4 Licorne, 11-4 Fair To The Wind, 4-1 Gisarne, 5-1 Princess Tateum, 11-2 Tahdid, 8-1 Bronze Maquette, 12-1 Rose Noble.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BRONZE MAQUETTE 25l 8th of 14 to Thawakib in a maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to soft). LICORNE over 15l 4th of 17 to Magical Retreat in a 17-runner maiden at Kempton (1m 2f, soft). PRINCESS TATEUM under 3l 3rd of 11 to Lamu Lady in a maiden at Catterick (7f, good). TAHDID 6½l 3rd of 12 to Ivory Palm in a maiden at Chepstow (7f, soft). FAIR TO THE WIND (cost 245,000gns) is the third foal, by Nijinsky, of a once-raced dam. GISARNE is a half-sister, by Diesis, to Admiral's Inn, winner over 1m 4f. Dam placed at up to 1m 2f.
Selection: LICORNE

1.30 ARTHUR ANDERSEN CONDITIONS STAKES BBC1 (3-Y-0: £8,090: 5f) (2 runners)

1 (1) 12211-2 PALACEGATE EPISODE 15 (D,BF,G,S) (Palacegate Ltd) J Berry 9-3 .... J Carroll 99
2 (2) 3135-01 NIGHT MELODY 15 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) R Hannon 9-2 .... K Darley 98

BETTING: 4-5 Palacegate Episode, Evens Night Melody.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

PALACEGATE EPISODE beat Salank a neck in a 6-runner conditions race at York last season (5f, good). Previously, beat Hamsah 5l in a 6-runner listed race at Newbury (5f, good). NIGHT MELODY beat PALACEGATE EPISODE (4lb better off) a head in a 6-runner conditions race at Thirsk (5f, good). Previously, 5½l 7th of 11 to Regal Chimes in a listed race at Doncaster (6f, good to firm).
Selection: PALACEGATE EPISODE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Bob Jones	4	10	40.0	N Day	7	42	16.7
G Wragg	6	17	35.3	W Ryan	19	123	15.4
H Cecil	14	47	29.8	C Rutter	5	35	14.3
P Walwyn	6	29	30.7	Dean McKeown	18	141	12.8
L Cumani	14	68	20.6	B Raymond	14	119	11.8
J Dunlop	14	72	19.4	Paul Eddery	10	85	11.8

2.00 HALLIWELL LANDAU SPRING TROPHY RATED HANDICAP BBC1 (Listed race: £9,228: 7f 30yd) (7 runners)

1 (4) 301632- TWO LEFT FEET 154 (D,F,G,S) (P Molins) Mark Prescott 8-9-7 .... K Rutter (5) 94
2 (3) 1/10-2 PATER NOSTER 12 (D,G,S) (M Myers) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-4 .... P Robinson 88
3 (7) 01102-2 LITTLE BEAN 17 (BF,F,G) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 4-9-3 .. Paul Eddery 95
4 (1) 104555- BAND ON THE RUN 240 (D,F,G,S) (D Allan) B McMahon 6-9-3 .... R Hills 93
5 (5) 0302-04 SUNDAY'S HILL 7 (F,G) (S Hinton) M Blanshard 4-9-2 .... J Quinn 94
6 (6) 15311-0 AMAZING FEAT 35 (D,G,S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-11 .... K Darley 98
7 (2) 020-653 BEWARE OF AGENTS 12 (D,F,S) (Yeardley Ltd) M Johnston 4-8-11 Dean McKeown 91

BETTING: 9-4 Little Bean, 3-1 Pater Noster, 4-1 Amazing Feat, 11-2 Beware Of Agents, Sunday's Hill, 7-1 Two Left Feet, 8-1 Band On The Run.

1992: NIGHT MANOEUVRES 3-8-5 C Rutter (14-1) H Candy 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

TWO LEFT FEET 5l 2nd of 9 to Blue Daisy in a listed race at Maisons-Laffitte last season (1m, heavy). PATER NOSTER 2½l 2nd of 5 to Imperial Ballet in a conditions race at Nottingham (1m, good), with BEWARE OF AGENTS (6lb better off) ¾l 3rd. LITTLE BEAN 2l 2nd of 6 to Will Of Steel in a handicap at Newmarket (7f, good), with BEWARE OF AGENTS (1lb worse off) 2½l 5th. SUNDAY'S HILL under 3l 4th of 11 to Swing Low in a listed race at Leicester (7f, good). BEWARE OF AGENTS 6¼l 6th of 24 to High Premium in the Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to firm), with AMAZING FEAT (2lb better off) over 10l 14th.
Selection: LITTLE BEAN

2.35 BACON AND WOODROW CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,303: 2m 45yd) (5 runners)

1 (5) 602-313 JACK BUTTON 7 (CD,F,S) (A and B Racing) Bob Jones 4-9-5 .... N Day 98
2 (1) BOKARO 695J (Lady Joseph) C Brooks 7-9-0 .... W Newnes –
3 (4) 605505 AUDE LA BELLE 16 (D,F,G) (Mrs V Rapkins) Mrs A Knight 5-8-13 .. D Wright (7) 96
4 (3) 45 NORTHERN RARITY 12 (Mrs J Taylor) J Norton 4-8-11 .... P Robinson 99
5 (2) 206-030 PERFORATE 15 (B) (Mrs M Rowe) R Baker 4-8-11 .... J Quinn 70

BETTING: 8-11 Jack Button, 2-1 Aude La Belle, 11-2 Northern Rarity, 8-1 Bokaro, 20-1 Perforate

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.05 ROYAL SCOTTISH ASSURANCE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,590: 7f 30yd) (6 runners)

1 (2) 3 FEATHER FACE 24 (J Mountain) M McCormack 9-0 .... W Newnes 8(
2 (6) 3-20 GRAN SENORUM 14 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 .... NON-RUNNER –
3 (5) 00- INOVAR 196 (Innovative Marketing) C Booth 9-0 .... K Fallon –
4 (1) *MOON FLASK (Sultan Mohammed) P Makin 9-0* .... T Sprake –
5 (3) 000- RARE OCCURANCE 206 (R Harris) M Charles 9-0 .... J Quinn –
6 (4) 0 TEJ SINGH 17 (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 .... J Weaver (3) 98

BETTING: 5-4 Tej Singh, 3-1 Feather Face, 5-1 Moon Flask.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.35 LAMBERT SMITH HAMPTON HANDICAP (£4,844: 1m 3f 200yd) (6 runners)

1 (5) 42410-2 BIGWHEEL BILL 29 (D,S) (G Cooper) J Watts 4-10-0 .... Stephen Davies (5) 90
2 (3) 0141-60 CHIEF MINISTER 17 (D,F,S) (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9 13 .... K Fallon 93
3 (1) 434- TIME FOR A FLUTTER 191 (J Mountain) C James 4-9-8 .... W Newnes 80
4 (6) 21600-4 AMBIGUOUSLY REGAL 17 (G) (G Ohrstrom) Mrs J Cecil 4 9-8 .... P Robinson 96
5 (2) 31/50-06 LEGION OF HONOUR 10 (D,F) (Robson/Patkinson) M Naughton 5-9-0 V Halliday (7) 90
6 (4) 5/0000-5 JAMES IS SPECIAL 14 (D,G) (J Thomas) H Collingridge 5-7-12 .... J Quinn 89

BETTING: 7-4 Ambiguously Regal, 9-4 Bigwheel Bill, 4-1 Chief Minister, 11-2 Legion Of Honour, 8-1 Time For A Flutter, 14-1 James Is Special.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER

2.10 Home Counties. 2.40 Indian Tonic. 3.15 Millador. 3.45 One For The Pot. 4.20 Staunch Friend. 4.50 Wind Force. 5.20 Dagobertin.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM, GOOD IN PLACES SIS

2.10 GREENALLS INNS NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-0: £1,892: 2m) (6 runners)

1 3231 HOME COUNTIES 19 (B,S) N Henderson 11-5 .... R Dunwoody
2 0 ALIF 21 W Clay 10-12 .... Diane Clay
3 0524 BRIGGS LAD 14 (B) K Bailey 10-12 .... J Osborne
4 006 SHARP PRINCE 18 S Kettlewell 10-12 .... R Garritty
5 0 MY GRAIN 19 T Thomson Jones 10-7 .... S Smith Eccles
6 1035 RICH DESIRE 7 (F) R Bennett 10-7 .... L O'Hare (7)

1-2 Home Counties, 3-1 Briggs Lad, 8-1 Sharp Prince, 16-1 My Grain, 20-1 Rich Desire, 33-1 Alif.

2.40 LONSDALE TRAVEL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,931: 3m 2f) (8)

1 31PF WINDY WAYS 19 (CD,F,G) N Henderson 8-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 536F MR BOSTON 15 (BF,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-0 .... P Niven
3 F102 FALSE ECONOMY 21 (BF,G,S) J Edwards 8-10-12 N Williamson
4 213F SMOOTH ESCORT 14 (B,D,G,S) Mrs D Haine 9-10-10 A Maguire
5 -212 INDIAN TONIC 9 (BF,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-6 .... C Maude
6 U-22 BASILEA 21 (F,G,S) T Forster 10-10-7 .... C Llewellyn
7 32PU TORT 42 (BF,G,S) P Dalton 9-10-4 .... N Mann
8 42UP BARKIN 25 (BF,G,S) G Richards 10-10-0 .... M Moloney

2-1 Indian Tonic, 3-1 False Economy, 4-1 Mr Boston, 13-2 Windy Ways, 9-1 Smooth Escort, 12-1 Basilea, 14-1 others.

3.15 JOINERS ARMS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-0: £1,812: 2m) (9)

1 1504 MILLADOR 19 (D,F) M Tompkins 12-0 .... A Maguire
2 0231 THE TITAN GHOST 19 (G) S Coathup 10-12 .... Mr J Beardsall
3 0302 QUALITAIR MEMORY 11F (BF,D,S) J Akehurst 10-0 .. J Osborne
4 2223 HALLO MAM 7 O Brennan 10-0 .... M Brennan
5 3P20 ANOTHER VINTAGE 51 P Cundell 10-0 .... L Harvey
6 06P5 COOL SOCIETY 7F W Musson 10-0 .... D Murphy
7 5045 MANULIFE 8 (B) R Brotherton 10-0 .... R Dunwoody
8 56U4 CRESTWOOD LAD 78 Mrs M Reveley 10-0 .... S Mason (7)
9 213F CLASSIC EXHIBIT 21 (CD,G) A Forbes 10-0 .... T Eley (5)

9-4 Hallo Mam, 3-1 Crestwood Lad, 4-1 Millador, 6-1 Qualitair Memory, 8-1 The Titan Ghost, 10-1 others.

3.45 JENKINSONS AMATEUR RIDERS' NOVICES CHASE (£2,195: 2m) (4)

1 3162 ONE FOR THE POT 7 (D,G,S) M Naughton 8-12-2 .. T Jenks (5)
2 0P31 BOSSBURG 7 (B,D,S) D McCain 8-11-5 .... D McCain (5)
3 0066 CHAGHATAI 40 (B) W Clay 7-11-4 .... N Miles (7)
4 0400 JUST A MEMORY 19 (B,F) C Trietline 7-11-4 .... D Verco (7)

1-3 One For The Pot, 4-1 Bossburg, 6-1 Chaghatai, 14-1 Just A Memory.

4.20 ST MODWEN STAFFORDSHIRE HURDLE (£9,735: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 1113 LORD RELIC 45 (BF,CD,S) M Pipe 7-11-10 .... R Dunwoody
2 1001 *STAUNCH FRIEND 15 (G,S) M Tompkins 5-11-10* .... A Maguire
3 1241 BEECH ROAD 10 (D,F,G,S) G Balding 11-11-2 .... C Llewellyn
4 22-P CASTLE SECRET 31 (D,F) D Burchell 7-11-2 .... D J Burchell
5 3F13 GALLATEEN 15 (BF,D,F,G,S) G Richards 5-11-2 .... N Doughty
6 1202 FLAKEY DOVE 12F (BF,D,F,G,S) R Price 7-11-1 .... J Osborne

☐ Lord Relic runs only if there is overnight rain, states trainer

7-4 Staunch Friend, 5-2 Lord Relic, 6-1 Flakey Dove, Beech Road, 10-1 Castle Secret, 12-1 Gallateen.

4.50 NORTH DERBYSHIRE NEWSPAPERS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,533: 2m 5f) (6)

1 P-P0 GOLDEN CELTIC 11 (C,G,S) Miss H Knight 9-11-10 .. J Osborne
2 2P11 *WIND FORCE 29 (D,F,G) G Richards 8-11-5* .... N Doughty
3 410F MR ENTERTAINER 31 (C,F,G,S) N Gaselee 10-11-2 .. D Murphy
4 3-PP EASTSHAW 19 (D,F,G,S) T Forster 11-11-0 .... C Llewellyn
5 3442 CHIASSO FORTE 21 (G,S) P Hobbs 10-10-0 .... Peter Hobbs
6 4115 PIMS GUNNER 31 (F,G) D Burchell 5-10-0 .... D J Burchell

5-4 Wind Force, 5-2 Chiasso Forte, 5-1 Mr Entertainer, 8-1 Pims Gunner, 16-1 Eastshaw, Golden Celtic.

5.20 BRITISH MIDLAND HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,410: 2m 4f 110yd) (13)

1 2441 BEACHY HEAD 9 (D,G,S) J J O'Neill 5-12-1 .... R Dunwoody
22 1053 PREOBLAKENSKY 3 (D,G,S) G Richards 6-11-1 .... N Doughty
3 552P STAGE PLAYER 25F (BF,F,G) Miss S Wilton 7-10-11 D Murphy
4 1404 ALBERTITO 14 (G,S) R Hollinshead 6-10-11 .... S Wynne (5)
5 3405 DAGOBERTIN 9 (B,D,S) M Pipe 7-10-11 .... M Perrett
6 /P/53 THE DECENT THING 9 (G,S) G Balding 10-10-11 .. R Davis (5)
7 1414 OUR SLIMBRIDGE 4F (G) C Williams 5-10-7 .... A Carroll
8 4510 DOOLAR 7 (C,F,G,S) P Dalton 6-10-6 .... N Mann
9 FF10 DONT TELL THE WIFE 8 (S) Mrs D Haine 7-10-0 .... C Llewellyn
10 5306 SANDSUMO 21 (D,F,S) M Tompkins 6-10-0 .... A Maguire
11 -F01 BOLL WEEVIL 18 (CD,G,S) O Sherwood 7-10-0 .... J Osborne
12 1541 WHAT IF 21 (C,F,G,S) O Brennan 9-10-0 .... M Brennan
13 00-1 ARRAN VIEW 21 (CD,S) B Llewellyn 7-10-0 Mr J L Llewellyn (7)

4-1 Preoblakensky, 5-1 Dagobertin, Our Slimbridge, 6-1 Beachy Head, 8-1 Doolar, 10-1 The Decent Thing, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 6 winners from 13 runners, 46.2%; M Pipe, 38 from 113, 33.6%; T Forster, 11 from 34, 32.4%; P Dalton, 4 from 14, 28.6%; J J O'Neill, 5 from 18, 27.8%; N Twiston-Davies, 9 from 38, 23.7%; O Sherwood, 10 from 44, 22.7%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 8 winners from 24 rides, 33.3%; S Smith Eccles, 16 from 63, 25.4%; N Doughty, 12 from 49, 24.5%; R Dunwoody, 19 from 97, 19.6%; N Williamson, 12 from 64, 18.8%; J Osborne, 14 from 76, 18.4%; C Llewellyn, 11 from 60, 18.3%.

☐ Trainer Willie Musson entrusted the winning ride on Rise Up Singing in the Lucinda Stopford-Sackville Ladies' Handicap at Newmarket yesterday to his wife, Judy, but claimed he had not joined in the gamble that saw the odds halved from 20-1 to 10-1. "I don't know much about it, though I've seen a few happy faces around," Musson said.

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1 Which horse won both the 2,000 Guineas and the Airlie/Coolmore Irish 2,000 Guineas in 1992?
A Rodrigo De Triano
B St Jovite
C Dr Devious

2 Who was the 1992 Irish champion jockey?
A Christy Roche
B Michael Kinnane
C Warren O'Connor

3 At which racecourse is the Budweiser Irish Derby run?
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B Galway
C The Curragh

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Wild Illusion on Cheltenham trail

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

GRAHAM Pidgeon's Wild Illusion heads a disappointing entry of only 13 for the first of the point-to-point championship finals, the BMW, on Wednesday evening at Cheltenham.

The choice of rider will present Pidgeon with an unenviable task. Ian McKie was unavailable at the start of the season and Jon Trice-Rolph took over and produced a steady stream of winners for the stable. Three weeks ago, however, he sustained a shoulder injury and McKie was back on board at the Old Berkshire where Wild Illusion had an easy ten-length victory over Border Sun.

Whoever is in the saddle, the result is by no means a foregone conclusion. The top-class pointer has no experience over the stiffer regulation fences, which will be to the particular advantage of Gaellic Cherry, a winner at Sandown and third at Cheltenham last time out.

The season has still five weeks to go, but the Yorkshire and Sandhurst areas both disappear from the scene after this weekend. There are still plenty of horses that owners are eager to run and many now face longer journeys.

Normally at this time of the year runners become scarce but entries for the 21 events over the bank holiday are exceptionally high with the **Albrighton** and **Llangeinor** both comfortably topping 200 today, and the **Banwen Miners** having 230 on Monday.

There is a last opportunity to qualify for the other two championship finals. There is a small but select entry for the Land Rover at the **Pendle Forest & Craven** with Alistair Crow having the choice of four rides up against Bodfari and Monkey Run. General's Boy is the choice for the Taittinger qualifier at the **Lauderdale**, and the same sponsor's event at the **West Norfolk** should go to Lisa Rowe on Shedid.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Albrighton, Weston Park, 6 miles east of Telford (first race 2.00). Berkeley, Woodford, 15m NE of Bristol (2.00). Berks & Bucks, Barbury Castle, 4m S of Swindon (2.00). Blankney, Market Rasen course (2.30). Devon & Somerset, Holnicote, 3m W of Minehead (2.00). Fernie, Dingley, 2m E of Market Harborough (2.15). Lauderdale, Mosshouses, 4m N of Melrose (2.00). Llangeinor, Pyle, 4m S of Maesteg (2.30). Old Surrey & Burstow, 4m SW of Tonbridge (2.00). Pendle Forest & Craven, Gisburn, 1m SW of town (2.00). West Norfolk, Fakenham course (2.00).

Opera House goes solo

OPERA House, ridden by Michael Roberts, is the only British runner in tomorrow's group one Prix Ganay over ten furlongs at Longchamp.

Michael Stoute's five-year-old was due to make his reappearance in the Gordon Richards Stakes at Sandown last Saturday, but was withdrawn due to the soft ground.

He faces a stiff task, with Dear Doctor, Marildo and Vert Amande among the French-trained opposition.

Vert Amande ran poorly on his only run this season, but would take all the beating if reproducing his third to Subotica in last year's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

☐ Ventiquattrofogli, ridden by Willie Carson, is one of four British entries for tomorrow's Italian 2,000 Guineas in Rome. The others are Rain Brother (Darryll Holland), Mr Martini (Mark Birch) and The Little Ferret (Brian Rouse).

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

2.20 Pandy. 2.50 Height Of Fun. 3.25 Salar's Spirit. 3.55 Billy Bathgate. 4.30 Biloxi Blues. 5.00 Jarzon Dancer. 5.30 Mariners Dance.

Brian Beel: 4.30 Biloxi Blues.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM, FIRM IN PLACES

2.20 TRP NOVICES HURDLE (£1,475: 2m 1f) (17 runners)

1 0-4 CELTIC ROMPER 17 T Houlbrooke 6-11-2 .... D Bridgwater
2 0-R CHEQUE BOOK 7 (B) W Mann 5-11-2 .... Gary Lyons
3 0PP- FERN HEIGHTS 23F C Broad 6-11-2 .... A Flannigan (7)
4 4433 KILLULA CHIEF 8 (B) K Bailey 6-11-2 .... G Bazin (7)
5 OLD EAGLE 1669F D Nicholson 7-11-2 .... W Marston (3)
6 -00P ON THE JAR 84 C Trietline 5-11-2 .... M A Fitzgerald
7 3252 PANDY 10 G Thorner 7-11-2 .... R Farrant (5)
8 4 RIVERILLON 19 M Meade 5-11-2 .... J Railton
9 P04 ROCKET RUN 51 M Saunders 5-11-2 .... S Mackey
10 PU SHARPSIDE 10 J White 6-11-2 .... D Skyrme
11 P-0 ZAMANAYN 7 J Upson 5-11-2 .... R Supple
12 5240 FRANKUS 31 S Mellor 4-10-11 .... J McCarthy (5)
13 00 JR'S PET 21 D Barons 8-10-11 .... R Davis (5)
14 000P PEACEFUL POLLY 10 M Tate 5-10-11 .... Lorna Vincent
15 PP QUINBERRY 28 R Pugh 5-10-11 .... V Slattery (3)
16 04 JUST ROSIE 21 A Turnell 4-10-6 .... S McNeill
17 5232 MISS SOUTER 8 H Howe 4-10-6 .... J Frost

3-1 Pandy, 9-2 Miss Souter, 6-1 Killula Chief, 8-1 Just Rosie, 10-1 Zamanayn, 12-1 Celtic Romper, 16-1 Frankus, JR's Pet, 20-1 others.

2.50 ALLIED PROVINCIAL SECURITIES CHASE (£2,560: 3m 1f 110yd) (18)

1 102V ROYLE SPEEDMASTER 36 (D,F,G) O Sherwood 9-11-10 .... J McCarthy (5)
2 416P WARLEGGAN 8 (CD,F,G) G Ham 12-11-6 .... S Mackey
3 32-0 GUILDWAY 19 (F,G) Mrs M Rimell 10-11-1 .... Mr M Rimell (7)
4 131F SANDSTONE ARCH 19 (D,F) T Caldwell 10-11-0 .. Pat Caldwell
5 32PP *CHANCERY BUCK 107 (D,F,G) R Frost 10-10-13* .... J Frost
6 P-PF DUNBRODY ABBEY 3 (F) T Forster 10-10-8 .... H Davies
7 209F NATHAN BLAKE 49 (B,CD,BF,F,G) K Bailey 8-10-8 R Davis (5)
8 /P-2 CORRAVORRIN 15 (F) S Christian 8-10-7 .... B de Haan
9 5P21 SAM SHORROCK 19 (B,CD,G,S) G Thorner 11-10-7 .... Mr G Johnson Houghton
10 4342 LAPIAFFE 9 (D,F,G,S) A Harrison 9-10-7 .... D Bridgwater
11 05P4 MISS FERN 21 (CD,F,G,S) R Dickin 8-10-4 .... D Meredith (3)
12 6344 PRINCE'S COURT 14 (B,F) A Turnell 10-10-2 .... S McNeill
13 1360 COLONEL O'KELLY 16 (D,G) D Barons 9-10-1 .... N Hawke
14 P360 HEIGHT OF FUN 16 (B,D,F,S) C Popham 9-10-0. M A Fitzgerald
15 P340 OUR FELLOW 30 (D,S) G Balding 11-10-0 .... S Hodgson
16 1302 THAMESDOWN TOOTSIE 19 (D,BF,G,S) A Jones 8-10-0 G Upton
17 6456 PAMPERING 16 (D,G,S) M Meade 12-10-0 .... J Railton
18 63P4 BIRD OF SPIRIT 7 (D,G,S) M Scudamore 13-10-0 .. R Bellamy

11-2 Sam Shorrock, 6-1 Nathan Blake, 13-2 Lapiaffe, 7-1 Corravorrin, Prince's Court, 8-1 Royle Speedmaster, 10-1 Colonel O'Kelly, 12-1 others.

3.25 BONUSPRINT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,475: 2m 1f) (15)

1 032P COLWAY PRINCE 14 (G,S) A Jones 5-11-10 .... J Cooke (7)
2 228U OK RECORDS 21 D O'Neill 6-11-8 .... V Slattery
3 2P04 MOTOR CLOAK 19 R Brown 7-11-5 .... A Flannigan
4 2000 MABTHUL 71 K Bailey 5-11-4 .... G Bazin (5)
5 42P3 SALAR'S SPIRIT 39 W G M Turner 7-10-13 .. John McCabe (7)
6 6110 TRENDY AUCTIONEER 8 (V,D,G) Mrs L Jewell 5-10-10 D Salter
7 4263 THE HOLY GOLFER 8 D Gandolfo 6-10-9 .... D Meade
8 -040 SHELLY'S FOLLY 31 R Hodges 8-10-9 .... T Thompson
9 -020 WASSLS MILLION 31 T Morton 7-10-8 .... R Farrant
10 5-PP MR MCGREGOR 180 K Supple 11-10-7 .... B Clifford
11 0/0P DEEP DAWN RUN 7 A James 7-10-2 .... W Marston
12 0000 CORPORATE TYPE 158 J Haynes 5-10-0 .... D J Moffatt
13 004F RUST MOOR 8 R Price 6-10-0 .... M Hourigan
14 0P-P COLVIN LAD 21 C Popham 8-10-0 .... D Hobbs (5)
15 PPP- ROGEVIC BELLE 413 (B) M Eckley 5-10-0 .... D Meredith

4-1 The Holy Golfer, 13-2 Trendy Auctioneer, 7-1 Motor Cloak, 8-1 Ok Records, Salar's Spirit, 10-1 Colway Prince, Shelly's Folly, 12-1 Mabthul, 16-1 others.

3.55 SUN VALLEY NOVICES CHASE (£2,435: 2m 3f) (7)

1 F034 *BILLY BATHGATE 30 (F,S) N Henderson 7-11-10* .. J Kavanagh
2 FFP1 RATHER SHARP 19 (S) C Popham 7-11-7 .... A Webb
3 0PPP EIGHTY EIGHT 64 Mrs H Dowson 8-11-3 .... V Slattery (3)
4 PUF5 SOLAR GREEN 8 G Ham 8-11-3 .... S Mackey
5 24F5 SPIRIT OF KIBRIS 28 (S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-3 .... M Pitman
6 -424 STARLAP 53 R Hodges 9-11-3 .... I Lawrence
7 000P DAMCADA 21 D Wintle 5-10-10 .... H Davies

8-13 Billy Bathgate, 3-1 Spirit Of Kibris, 6-1 Rather Sharp, 16-1 Starlap, 25-1 others.

4.30 NAT WEST HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,380: 3m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 4-P0 AHERLOW 37 (B,G,S) G Humphrey 13-12-7 .... C Bennett (7)
2 -530 BARTRES 29 (F,G,S) D Murray Smith 14-12-7 .... J Durkan (3)
3 4FP- BILOXI BLUES 492 (CD,F,G,S) A Turnell 11-12-7 .... J Rees (7)
4 U-35 JUST MICK 58 (F) Mrs H Dowson 12-12-4 A Charles-Jones (7)

5-4 Biloxi Blues, 6-4 Bartres, 6-1 Just Mick, 8-1 Aherlow.

5.00 JAILBREAK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,475: 2m 3f 110yd) (12)

1 1330 LITTLE BIG 9 (D,G) C Broad 6-11-10 .... H Davies
2 0-00 PROUD DRIFTER 107 K Bailey 6-11-9 .... J Railton
3 512P THUNDER BUG 28 (C,F) A James 5-11-8 .... R Bellamy
4 0400 RAIN-N-SUN 108 (G) J Harris 7-11-3 .... J A Harris
5 FP23 FETTLE UP 59 (B) J Wharton 5-10-9 .... S J O'Neill
6 0062 SYDNEY BARRY 19 (C,G) R Buckler 8-10-4 .... W Marston (3)
7 P055 SINGING DETECTIVE 14 (V) P McEntee 6-10-3 .... G Crone (7)
8 2224 JARZON DANCER 33F (BF) D Wilson 5-10-2 .... D Bridgwater
9 4030 LUCKY BLUE 24 R Hodges 6-10-2 .... M A Fitzgerald
10 00P4 CANNING'S COLLEGE 14 R Hawker 7-10-2 .... Lorna Vincent
11 P-0P STOP ON RED 87 A Chamberlain 6-10-0 .... A Webb
12 05P0 MEKSHARP 14 (B) J Smith 6-10-0 .... D Skyrme

9-2 Sydney Barry, 5-1 Thunder Bug, 11-2 Fettle Up, 6-1 Rain-N-Sun, 8-1 Jarzon Dancer, Little Big, 10-1 Proud Drifter, 12-1 Lucky Blue, 16-1 others

5.30 EBF NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,030: 2m 1f) (17)

1 ACT OF PARLIAMENT K Bailey 5-11-6 .... G Bazin (7)
2 ADMIRAL GRAY Mrs J Renfree-Barons 5-11-6 .... Mr R Barons
3 CELESTIAL STREAM L Williams 6-11-6 .... M Hourigan (3)
4 GLENROWAN P Murphy 5-11-6 .... D Bohan (7)
5 MARANO Mrs N Sharpe 5-11-6 .... A Flannigan (7)
6 UNKNOWN CHALLENGER O Sherwood 5-11-6 J McCarthy (5)
7 MARINERS DANCE R Brazington 5-11-1 .... R Farrant (5)
8 MARY KNOLL J Needham 5-11-1 .... Mr M Jackson (7)
9 SPRING GRASS B Ryall 5-11-1 .... D Meade (7)
10 CELTIC TOKEN F Jordan 4-11-0 .... M Doyle (7)
11 4 ELEGANT BERTIE 37 J Spearing 4-11-0 .... W Marston (3)
12 NIRVANA PRINCE B Preece 4-11-0 .... B Clifford
13 PADISHAH W Muir 4-11-0 .... Mr J Durkan
14 SPARKLING CONE M Pipe 4-11-0 .... T Dascombe (7)
15 CLASS ATTRACTION M Pipe 4-10-9 .... D Richmond (5)
16 0 COUNTRY KIZZIE 49 N Thick 4-10-9 .... V Slattery (3)
17 TRUE STORM J Spearing 4-10-9 .... Miss C Spearing (7)

4-1 Unknown Challenger, 9-2 Sparkling Cone, 6-1 Elegant Bertie, 13-2 Class Attraction, 8-1 Act Of Parliament, 10-1 Admiral Gray, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Murray Smith, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; O Sherwood, 8 from 20, 40.0%; S Christian, 6 from 17, 35.3%; M Pipe, 42 from 128, 32.8%; N Henderson, 7 from 23, 30.4%; D Nicholson, 15 from 55, 27.3%.

JOCKEYS: M Hourigan, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; S McNeill, 13 from 63, 20.6%; R Farrant, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J Kavanagh, 3 from 16, 18.8%; B Clifford, 3 from 17, 17.6%; H Davies, 8 from 47, 17.0%.

☐ Prairie Bayou, attempts to become the first gelding for 64 years to win the Kentucky Derby (ten furlongs) at Churchill Downs tonight. The 5-2 favourite, drew stall five for the 119th renewal of the "Run for the Roses". A low draw is considered preferable with a 19-runner field and the early jockeying for position.

Emperor Jones to provide upset

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

WHETHER you support *Zafonic* or oppose him, the Andre Fabre-trained colt holds the key to this afternoon's unsponsored 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket.

If the French raider *settles* early in the classic and sees *out the testing mile at his first* attempt, last season's top two-year-old has the form to leave his 14 rivals toiling and be hailed as a new champion.

Zafonic's sensational *victory* in last season's Dewhurst *Stakes, in which his* explosive acceleration left the best British-trained colts trailing in his wake, justifiably made him the shortest priced winter favourite for the Guineas since Tudor Minstrel.

In a matter of strides, Zafonic swept past the other runners to open up a four-length lead, which he maintained during the *final* furlong. With the three horses *nearest to him*, Inchinor, Firm Pledge, and Sueboog, all having won well this season, the group one form is rock solid.

If there was a slight doubt, looking ahead on that autumn day to today's race, it was Zafonic's failure to extend his advantage after bursting clear so dramatically. Would Zafonic stay a mile, or was he *an embryo champion* sprinter?

His defeat on his reappearance at Maisons-Laffitte almost a month ago, admittedly on unsuitably soft ground, suddenly began *to* fuel such reservations.

Renewed doubts about *his* stamina and style of racing were followed by the unexpected decision of Zafonic's owner, Khaled Abdulla, to run the Henry Cecil-trained **Wharf** *in* today's race, rather than in the *French 2,000 Guineas* on Sunday week.

Given the concerns about Zafonic and his odds-on price, he is worth opposing this afternoon. Four winners of the Craven Stakes in the past decade have followed up with a Guineas success, and **EMPEROR JONES**, winner of this year's classic trial, can follow the trend.

Beaten only once as a two-year-old, *when an attempt to* hold him up at Ascot on soft *ground proved a mistake*, John Gosden's colt defied his 14-1 starting price, under Ray Cochrane, at Newmarket just over *a fortnight ago to* outbattle Wharf by a short head.

While Wharf, who was giving away 3lb, appeared razor-sharp before the race, the unfancied winner looked certain to benefit considerably from the run. Gosden is convinced Emperor Jones has *improved during his recent* work at home. If Zafonic proves vulnerable, Emperor Jones can reward Gosden with his first English classic success.

Barathea, the talking horse of Newmarket during the winter months, finished a close fourth in the Craven, but *it is hard to see him reversing* the form with Luca Cumani's *string going through a quiet* spell.

A bigger danger could be **Pembroke**, the other Gosden-trained runner, who swamped Placerville for speed until lack of stamina told in the final furlong of the Feilden Stakes. He will be suited by the return to a mile.

Inchinor is as tough as they come, and his battling success in the Greenham Stakes suggests he will be hard to keep out of the frame. However, the *bout of coughing which has* affected some of Roger *Charlton's string does not* inspire confidence.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: LEIF THE LUCKY
(3.20 Thirsk)

Next best: Sea Gazer
(4.15 Newmarket)



Winning team: Cochrane is reunited with his Craven Stakes winner Emperor Jones in the Guineas

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

HAYDOCK PARK
BBC1

1.00: Tahdid handled soft ground well enough in a Chepstow maiden last backend to merit the vote in this weak race. Licorne is from a stable whose fillies are backward, while Bronze Maquette ran creditably at Salisbury.

1.30: Only a head separated Night Melody and Palacegate Episode at Thirsk last time. **Palacegate Episode** can take his revenge today with a 5lb pull.

2.00: Little Bean *coped well* with give in the ground at Ascot last season, and can use his turn of foot to good effect in this small field. The lightly-raced Pater Noster has plenty of weight, while the admirable Two Left Feet's chance would be enhanced by plenty of overnight rain.

NEWMARKET
C4

2.30: Bold Stroke should be straight enough after his seasonal debut at the Craven meeting here. John Dunlop's horse had been off the track since chasing home Duke Of Eurolink in July, and probably needed that run. He can win this. Unforgiving Minute seems best with a bit of cut, but this *better ground gives* Pelorus and Young Freeman a chance of reversing recent Kempton running with Knock Knock.

3.00: It is worth siding with Richard Hannon's debutante, **Blue Bomber**, on account of the fine form of his *juveniles to date. Royal Cape* is capable of better than he showed on his debut on Saturday.

3.40: See above.

4.15: Freddie Lloyd needed two runs to reach peak *fitness last year*, while Lochsong was beaten off a rating of 72 *on her debut last* season but improved sufficiently to finish runner-up in the group three Diadem Stakes at Ascot in September. She has to be respected, but may not be able to cope with **Paris House**. This popular grey won on his reappearance *last term*, and Jack Berry believes his four-year-*old is back to his best*.

4.45: The course and distance victory of **Moon Strike** could be the deciding factor in a race where many of these sprinters will not yet be fully tuned up. Bill O'Gorman's *three-year-old* goes well on this ground, and the 4lb he *has been raised since* his last victory does not look too harsh. Martinosky, tenth behind Languedoc at Leicester, has it to do on only 6lb better terms.

JULIAN MUSCAT

BIG RACE LINE-UP

3.40 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES C4
(Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £110,871: 1m) (15 runners)

401 (6) 11-4 BARATHEA 16 (C,BF,F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 ... M Roberts 96
402 (4) 212-3 BIN AJWAAD 8 (D,BF,S) (A Merza) B Hanbury 9-0 ... B Raymond 86
403 (7) 1-5 CHADDLEWORTH 16 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... J Reid 78
404 (8) 131-1 EMPEROR JONES 16 (CD,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... R Cochrane 88
405 (11) 112-1 INCHINOR 14 (C,G,S) (P Oppenheimer) R Charlton 9-0 ... L Dettori 91
406 (2) 11144-5 IVORY FRONTIER 16 (G,S) (P Gleeson) J Bolger (Ire) 9-0 ... C Roche 85
407 (15) 140-620 NOMINATOR 16 (C,F,G) (J Graham) R Hollinshead 9-0 ... W Ryan 86
408 (13) 11-6 PEMBROKE 16 (D,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... W Carson 76
409 (5) 11016-0 PETARDIA 17 (B,BF,F) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 9-0 ... M Hills 88
410 (3) 02-40 RESIST THE FORCE 8 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 ... D Biggs 61
411 (14) 0142-2 REVELATION 17 (BF,F) (J Davis) R Hannon 9-0 ... W O'Connor 87
412 (1) 20212-1 RIGHT WIN 21 (C,D,G,S) (C Kavanagh) R Hannon 9-0 ... T Quinn 85
413 (9) 21314-4 SILVER WIZARD 17 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 9-0 ... L Piggott 95
414 (12) 11-2 WHARF 16 (C,F,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 90
415 (10) 1111-2 ZAFONIC 197 (C,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) A Fabre (Fr) 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 99

BETTING: 4-5 Zafonic, 7-1 Wharf, 9-1 Barathea, Chaddleworth, 14-1 Inchinor, 16-1 Right Win, 20-1 Pembroke, 25-1 Emperor Jones, Ivory Frontier, 33-1 Revelation, 40-1 Silver Wizard, 66-1 Bin Ajwaad, Petardia, 100-1 Nominator, 200-1 Resist The Force.

1992: RODRIGO DE TRIANO 9-0 L Piggott (6-1) P Chapple-Hyam 16 ran

Comprehensive form guide to the 15 classic contenders

BARATHEA
Apr 15, Newmarket, good; see Emperor Jones.
Oct 17, Newmarket, good to firm; (9-05) beat Storm Canyon (8-12) neck (7f, stks, £8,850, 10 ran).
Oct 1, Newmarket, good; (9-00) beat *Gabr (8-00) 1½l* (7f, mdn, £3,817, 12 ran).

BIN AJWAAD
Apr 23, Sandown, good to firm; (8-12) *1¾l 3rd to Port Lucaya (8-10) with* Resist The Force (8-10) 12l 7th (1m, stks, £4,658, 9 ran).
Oct 22, Newbury, soft: (8-12) 2l 2nd to Beggarman Thief (8-12) with Nominator (9-01) 3¼l 4th (7f 60yd, Group III, £25,580, 11 ran).

CHADDLEWORTH
Apr 15, Newmarket, good; see Emperor Jones.
Jun 11, Newbury, good to firm; (9-00) *beat Needle Gun (9-00) 3½l (6f 8yd,* mdn, £3,817, 7 ran).

EMPEROR JONES
Apr 15, Newmarket, good; (8-09) *beat Wharf (8-12) short-head* with Barathea (8-09) ½l 4th, Ivory Frontier (8-12) neck 5th, Chaddleworth (8-09) 2¼l 6th and Nominator (8-09) ¾l 7th (1m, Group III, £23,136, 9 ran).
Oct 10, York, good; (9-04) beat Taahhub (9-00) 3½l (6f 214yd, stks, £5,744, 6 ran).
Sep 25, Ascot, soft; see Inchinor.

INCHINOR
Apr 17, Newbury, good; (9-00) beat *Sharp Prod (9-00) neck (7f, Group III,* £22,383, 7 ran).
Oct 16, Newmarket, good to firm; see Zafonic.
Sep 25, Ascot, soft: (9-03) beat Right Win (9-03) 2l with Emperor Jones (9-03) 4l 3rd (7f, grad, £11,550, 6 ran).

IVORY FRONTIER
Apr 15, Newmarket, good; see Emperor Jones.
Sep 19, The Curragh, soft; (9-00) 4½l 4th to *Fatherland* (9-00) (7f, *Group I,* £93,600, 5 ran).

NOMINATOR
Apr 15, Newmarket, good; see Emperor Jones.
Apr 2, Kempton, good to soft; (9-04) short-head 2nd to *Eurolink Thunder* (8-12) (1m, stks, £4,157, 7 ran).
Mar 25, Doncaster, good to firm; (8-03) 5l 6th to Mellottie (9-06) (1m, listed, £11,063, 9 ran).
Oct 27, Redcar, heavy; see Revelation.
Oct 22, Newbury, soft; see Bin Ajwaad.

PEMBROKE
Apr 15, Newmarket, good; (9-00) 4½l 6th to Placerville (8-11) (1m 1f, listed, £9,766, 9 ran).
Sep 18, Newbury, good; (9-02) beat The Informer (8-11) 1½l (1m, stks, £7,375, 8 ran).
Sep 4, Kempton, good; (8-11) beat *Flashfeet (8-11) ½l* with Revelation (9-04) 2½l 4th (7f, stks, £4,597, 11 ran).

PETARDIA
Apr 14, Newmarket, good; see Revelation.
Oct 16, Newmarket, good to firm; see Zafonic.
Sep 11, Doncaster, good to firm; (9-00) beat Needle Gun (8-11) 1½l *with Right Win (8-11) 20l 8th (7f,* Group II, £42,840, 9 ran).

RESIST THE FORCE
Apr 23, Sandown, good to firm; see *Bin Ajwaad.*
Apr 13, Newmarket, good; (9-00) 7¾l 4th to Matila (8-09) (6f, mdn, £3,655, 7 ran).
Oct 30, Newmarket, good; (9-00) 1½l 2nd to Serious (9-00) (6f, mdn, £4,240, 20 ran).

REVELATION
Apr 14, Newmarket, good; (9-00) ½l *2nd to So Factual (9-06) with Silver* Wizard (9-06) 3l 4th and Petardia (9-07) 6¼l *7th (7f,* listed h'cap, £18,035, 7 ran).
Oct 27, Redcar, heavy; (8-10) 1½l 2nd to Pips Pride (8-05) with Nominator (8-05) 11½l 8th (6f, auct stks, £87,786, 24 ran).
Sep 4, Kempton, good; see Pembroke.

RIGHT WIN
Apr *10,* Kempton, soft; (8-*10*) beat Armans Sax (9-00) 6l (1m, listed, £12,755, 5 ran).
Oct 25, San Siro, heavy; (8-11) 3½l 2nd to Pelder (8-11) (1m, Group I, £70,743, 14 ran).
Oct 10, Ascot, good; (9-05) beat Shaiba (8-13) 3½l (7f, grad, £8,928, 8 ran).
Sep 25, Ascot, *soft, see Inchinor.*
Sep 11, Doncaster, good to firm; see Petardia.
Jun 26, Newmarket, good to firm; see Wharf.

SILVER WIZARD
Apr 14, Newmarket, good; see Revelation.
Oct 1, Newmarket, good; (9-00) 4¼l 4th to Zieten (9-00) (6f, Group I, £62,949, 6 ran).
Sep 5, Kempton, good; (9-05) beat Forest Wind (9-01) 2½l (6f, listed, £7,254, *6 ran).*

WHARF
Apr 15, Newmarket, good; see Emperor Jones.
Jul 8, Newmarket, good; (8-10) beat Canaska Star (8-10) neck (6f, Group III, £13,674, 6 ran).
Jun 26, Newmarket, good to firm; (9-00) beat Right Win (9-00) 3½l (6f, mdn, £3,655, 8 ran).

ZAFONIC
Apr 7, Maisons-Laffitte, soft, (9-02) short-head 2nd to Kingmambo (9-02) (7f, listed, £14,337, 4 ran).
Oct 16, Newmarket, good to firm, (9-00) beat Inchinor (9-00) 4l with Petardia (9-00) 3¼l 6th (7f, Group I, £95,052, *11 ran).*
Sep 13, Longchamp, good; (8-11) beat Kingmambo (8-11) 3l (7f, Group I, £51,387, 6 ran).
Selection: ZAFONIC

Racing fixtures for next week

MONDAY: Doncaster, Kempton, Newcastle, Warwick, Exeter, Fontwell Park, Haydock Park, Ludlow, Southwell, Towcester.
TUESDAY: Chester, Newton Abbot.
WEDNESDAY: Chester, Edinburgh, Salisbury, †Cheltenham, †Wetherby.
THURSDAY: Chester, Brighton, Carlisle, †Uttoxeter, †Sedgefield.
FRIDAY: Beverley, Carlisle, Lingfield Park, †Wincanton, †Market Rasen.
SATURDAY: Bath, Beverley, Lingfield Park, Chester, †Newcastle, †Warwick.
(Flat meetings in bold)
† denotes evening fixture

Question marks hang over Zafonic

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

HIS supporters will not hear of defeat, principally on account of some fancy *ante-post prices they* have secured, but there are more doubts *today about* Zafonic's 2,000 Guineas chance than there were six months ago.

His appearance in the Prix Djebel, over seven furlongs in appalling conditions, was supposed to illustrate he had trained *on from two to three. It did* not. In a race run at a crawl, *Zafonic pulled hard* for his head and could not quicken away from an opponent, Kingmambo, he contemptuously brushed aside last season.

The distance of that race *should not have been a* problem as Zafonic landed the seven-furlong Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket. *However, there is* clear evidence from his pedigree, or ancestry, that a mile may prove beyond his optimum distance.

Zafonic's sire, Gone West, is a promising young stallion who is still an unknown quantity. If he takes after his own sire, Mr Prospector, as seems *likely, he will prove a* strong influence for speed. Furthermore, Gone West's full-brother, Lion Cavern, showed a marked preference for distances short of a mile.

Add the fact that the female line of Zafonic has its roots in speed and you have the makings of a speed horse. We already know Zafonic has plenty of that; *he has already been* entered for the July Cup, over six furlongs.

Zafonic has his favoured fast ground and defeat *in* his trial is no bar to a Guineas victory, as Sayyedati proved on Thursday. But stamina doubts, coupled with Zafonic's known tendency to pull hard, combine to make him vulnerable.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER
2.00 Commander In Chief. 2.30 Knock Knock. 3.00 Gold Land. 3.40 Zafonic. 4.15 UP AND AT 'EM (nap). 4.45 Moon Strike. 5.15 Canasta Star.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Commander In Chief. 3.40 BARATHEA (nap). 5.15 Big Sky.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 ZAFONIC.

GOING: GOOD *DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE* SIS

2.00 CULFORD CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,436: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

101 (1) 31-2 BLUE JUDGE 14 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) J Bolger (Ire) 8-13 ... C Roche 99
102 (4) 1 COMMANDER IN CHIEF 18 (C,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-13 ... Pat Eddery 97
103 (3) 463-0 ALJAZZAF 16 (M Obaida) C Brittain 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 86
104 (5) 5 FIRM BUT FAIR 18 (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 8-11 ... R Cochrane 77
105 (2) 321-0 NICO MIKE 7 (S) (International Marketing CO Spa) M Jarvis 8-11 ... L Dettori 78
106 (6) 6-1 OAKMEAD 18 (CD,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8 ... J Reid 74

BETTING: 1-2 Commander In Chief, 5-1 Blue Judge, 10-1 Oakmead, 14-1 Firm But Fair, 20-1 Nico Mike, Aljazzaf.

1992: ALLEGAN 9-4 Pat Eddery (1-3 fav) H Cecil 4 ran

2.30 MAYER PARRY RATED STAKES C4
(Handicap: £9,976: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

201 (12) 6/3214- CRYSTADO 273 (C,G) (A Foustok) D Elsworth 4-9-7 ... J Williams 88
202 (5) 230516- GYMCRAK PREMIERE 182 (B,F,G,S) M H Easterby 5-9-7 ... G Duffield 97
203 (10) 2/1261-0 KRISTIANSTAD 17 (F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-2 ... M Roberts 95
204 (11) 1346- MUHAYAA 232 (C,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 4-8-13 ... W R Swinburn 89
205 (9) 22112-2 UNFORGIVING MINUTE 21 (D,S) (Mrs P Hanly) P Harris 4-8-11 ... Pat Eddery 96
206 (3) 1100-43 KNOCK KNOCK 19 (C,D,F,G) (G Smart) I Balding 8-8-11 ... R Cochrane 95
207 (8) 4/12223- WELSH MILL 191 (D,G) (Lord Weinstock) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-10 ... A Munro 94
208 (6) 41002-6 BOLD STROKE 18 (D,F,S) (T Wilson) J Dunlop 4-8-10 ... W Carson 90
209 (2) 40850-0 YOUNG FREEMAN 19 (B,D,F) (R Kirstein) G Harwood 4-8-8 ... M Hills 99
210 (7) 233810/ TALOS 581 (F,S) (K Al-Said) B Hills 5-8-7 ... D Holland —
211 (4) 215403- BARFORD LAD 126J (CD,F,S) (Mrs C Handscombe) J Fanshawe 6-8-7 ... L Dettori 88
212 (1) 32020-0 PELORUS 19 (CD,F,S) (Miss V Owen) D Elsworth 8-8-7 ... D Harrison (3) 95

Long handicap: Talos 8-6, Barford Lad 8-0, Pelorus 8-0.

BETTING: 9-2 Unforgiving Minute, 6-1 Gymcrak Premiere, 7-1 Knock Knock, 8-1 Welsh Mill, Bold Stroke, 9-1 Young Freeman, 10-1 Kristianstad, 12-1 Barford Lad, 14-1 Muhayaa, 16-1 Crystado, 20-1 Talos, Pelorus.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CRYSTADO 5½l 4th of 6 to River Falls in Goodwood (1m, good to firm) graduation race. GYMCRAK PREMIERE beat Shati 2l in 12-runner Ascot (1m, good to soft) handicap on penultimate start. KRISTIANSTAD beat Shati neck in 5-runner Yarmouth (1m, good) graduation race on penultimate start. UNFORGIVING MINUTE head 2nd of 8 to Night Clubbing in Kempton (1m 4f, soft) handicap. KNOCK KNOCK 5½l 3rd of 9 to Lucky Guest in Kempton (1m 2f, soft) handicap with PELORUS *(5lb worse off) 9¾l 7th and YOUNG FREEMAN* (7lb better off) tailed off 9th. WELSH MILL 4¾l 3rd of 10 to Daru in Newbury (1m 5f 110yd, good to soft) handicap. BOLD STROKE 7¾l 6th of 10 to Loki in handicap over course and distance (good). Selection: UNFORGIVING MINUTE

3.00 PHILIP CORNES NICKEL ALLOYS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,542: 5f) (11 runners) C4

301 (10) BALLAH SHACK (A Al Khalifa) G Lewis 9-0 ... D Harrison (3) —
302 (9) BLUE BOMBER (D Thompson) R Hannon 9-0 ... W R Swinburn —
303 (2) EXTRA BONUS (Indura Racing Partners) C Wall 9-0 ... R Cochrane —
304 (3) GOLD LAND (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ... A Munro —
305 (6) GROTTO POOL (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 9-0 ... G Duffield —
306 (7) KELLYSI (R Michaelson) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn —
307 (8) MEMORABLE (P Savill) M Tompkins 9-0 ... S Mulvey (7) —
308 (11) 0 NONIOS 7 (J Fleming) B Meehan 9-0 ... W Ryan —
309 (4) 0 ROYAL CAPE 7 (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 9-0 ... D Holland —
310 (1) STRADISHALL (D Wong) G Bravery 9-0 ... L Dettori —
311 (5) TONDRES (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 9-0 ... M Roberts —

BETTING: 9-4 Tondres, 7-2 Gold Land, 5-1 Kellysi, 8-1 Blue Bomber, 10-1 Royal Cape, 12-1 Nonios, 14-1 Ballah Shack, 16-1 others.

1992: SILVER WIZARD 9-0 Paul Eddery (14-1) G Lewis 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUE BOMBER (foaled Apr 6, cost 9,000gns) half-brother by Tina's Pet to 6f/1m juvenile winner Warm Spell, dam won at 7f-1m *2f.* GOLD LAND (Apr 25) half-brother by Gone West to dual 6f juvenile winner Solar Star, dam unplaced at two years. GROTTO POOL (Mar 2, $150,000) half-brother by Gone West to Muhtaram, dual 7f juvenile winner and 4th in Derby; dam 6f/7f juvenile winner. KELLYSI (Feb 3, 24,000gns) full-brother to dual 5f handicap winner Fighter Squadron; dam *placed at up to 1m 4f.* NONIOS 11l 9th of 14 to Montaya in Sandown (5f, good to soft) maiden with ROYAL CAPE 2l 12th. TONDRES (Mar 16) half-brother *by Chief's Crown* to Futurity (1m) winner Al Hareb, dam high-class juvenile miler. No selection

3.40 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES C4
(Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £110,871: 1m) (15 runners)

RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE RIGHT

4.15 PALACE HOUSE STAKES C4
(Group III: £20,232: 5f) (17 runners)

501 (14) 23231-3 ARTISTIC REEF 18 (D,G,S) (R Mohammed) G Eden 4-8-10 ... L Dettori 94
502 (6) 130100- BIT OF A LARK 234 (D,F,S) (R Mason) R Hollinshead 5-8-10 ... R Cochrane 89
503 (13) /101/2-1 CASE LAW 4 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs D Thompson) M Prescott 5-8-10 ... G Duffield 90
504 (5) 413-1 DAUBERVAL 10 (D,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) A Fabre (Fr) 4-8-10 ... M Roberts 92
505 (7) 121115- FREDDIE LLOYD 254 (D,F,G,S) (M Hill) N Callaghan 4-8-10 ... Pat Eddery 97
506 (15) 205060- PARIS HOUSE 234 (CD,F,G,S) (P Chandler) J Berry 4-8-10 ... J Carroll 95
507 (17) 05/40-13 REGAL CHIMES 15 (D,F) (M Sturgess) B McMahon 4-8-10 ... A Munro 91
508 (12) 1/05125- SPANIARDS CLOSE 175 (D,G,S) P Makin 5-8-10 ... W R Swinburn 96
509 (1) 122130- BUNTY BOO 175 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Mayall) B McMahon 4-8-7 ... T Quinn 89
510 (16) 141112- LOCHSONG 217 (D,F,G,S) (J Smith) I Balding 5-8-7 ... W Carson 99
511 (2) 35110-3 BRIGG FAIR 32 (D,BF,F,G) (J Norman) R Hannon 3-8-0 ... D Biggs 88
512 (3) 18222-4 SAINT EXPRESS 15 (D,F) (M St Quinton) R Whitaker 3-8-0 ... J Fanning 85
513 (11) 31523-5 SATANK 15 (D,F) (R Sangster) J Watts 3-8-0 ... R Hills 84
514 (10) 13115-1 SEA GAZER 21 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) T Barron 3-8-0 ... K Darley 93
515 (4) 11211-2 UP AND AT 'EM 21 (D,BF) (Mrs A Hughes) J Coogan (Ire) 3-8-0 ... Paul Eddery 98
516 (8) 210654- ANONYMOUS 213 (D,S) (Mrs J Hislop) C Brittain 3-7-11 ... G Bardwell 74
517 (9) 115- MILLYANT 231 (D,F,G) (C Mills) R Guest 3-7-11 ... D Harrison 94

BETTING: 3-1 Up And At 'Em, 9-2 Lochsong, 5-1 Freddie Lloyd, 6-1 Sea Gazer, Paris House, 8-1 Dauberval, Case Law, 10-1 Millyant, 12-1 Regal Chimes, 14-1 others.

1992: MONDE BLEU 5-8-10 T Jarnet (8-1) A Fabre (Fr) 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARTISTIC REEF 1l 3rd of 7 to Splice in listed race here (6f, good). CASE LAW beat Cradle Days short-head in 8-runner Bath (5f, good) stakes race. *DAUBERVAL 6¾l 3rd of 9 to Wixoe in group III* Prix du Petit Couvert at Longchamp (5f, soft) in October. FREDDIE LLOYD completed treble, beat *Siyton Lad neck in group III King George V Stakes at* Goodwood (5f, good to firm) with ARTISTIC REEF (5lb worse off) short-head 3rd and PARIS HOUSE (3lb better off) 6l 8th. REGAL CHIMES beat Silca-Cisa ¾l in 11-runner listed race at Doncaster (5f, good to firm). LOCHSONG 1½l 2nd of 11 to Wolfhound in group III Diadem Stakes at Ascot (6f, soft) in September. SAINT EXPRESS ¾l 2nd of 7 to Poker Chip in group II Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster (5f, good to firm) in September with SATANK (same terms) short-head 3rd and MILLYANT (3lb better off) 2¾l 5th, but disqualified and placed last. SEA GAZER beat UP AND AT 'EM (7lb better off) neck in 8-runner listed race at *Haydock (5f, soft). UP AND AT 'EM beat Roger The Butler* 2½l in 13-runner group III Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot (5f, good) in October with BRIGG FAIR (same terms) 7½l 10th. MILLYANT beat Palacegate Episode 1l in 11-runner group III Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) with ANONYMOUS (same terms) 5¾l 6th. Selection: UP AND AT 'EM

4.45 LADBROKES HANDICAP C4
(£11,647: 6f) (18 runners)

601 (7) 55300-0 GREEN DOLLAR 2 (CD,F,G) (B Azemoudeh) E Wheeler 10-10-0 ... NON-RUNNER 92
602 (2) 00000-3 AUGHFAD 8 (C,D,F,G,S) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 7-9-10 ... J Reid 93
603 (9) 0133-03 DENSBEN 21 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 9-9-8 ... M Roberts 95
604 (1) 106320- NAGIDA 303 (D,G,S) (Miss U Toller) J Toller 4-9-5 ... J Weaver (3) 93
605 (17) 24204-0 TROON 23 (F) (T Hirschfeld) Mrs L Piggott 3-9-2 ... L Piggott 88
606 (14) 5031-62 OUR RITA 8 (D,BF,F,G,S) (A Edwards) J Scargill 4-9-2 ... R Cochrane 95
607 (4) 45420-0 FASCINATION WALTZ 8 (CD,F,S) (F Havercroft) D Shaw 6-8-12 ... B Raymond 95
608 (3) 204100- TEMPLE FORTUNE 191 (D,F,G) (L Ward) R Hannon 4-8-11 ... W Carson 90
609 (15) 0400-00 CASTLEREA LAD 24 (D,F,G) (Mrs T Gratcan) R Hollinshead 4-8-10 ... W Ryan 92
610 (5) 225100- SURE LORD 198 (D,F) (The Sussex Stud Ltd) W Muir 4-8-8 ... T Quinn 93
611 (16) 3-211 MOON STRIKE 16 (CD,F,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 3-8-6 ... A Munro 92
612 (12) 5006-10 MARTINOSKY 7 (D,F,G) (D Clark) G Bravery 7-8-3 ... M Hills 93
613 (11) 60350-1 LANGUEDOC 7 (D,G,S) (Mrs H Wane) M Wane 8-8-3 ... D Harrison (3) 99
614 (5) 000040- TAUBER 149 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Reed) Pat Mitchell 9-8-2 ... S O'Gorman 88
615 (8) 330360- FIGHTER SQUADRON 142 (B,F) (Claremont Services) J Glover 4-8-0 ... G Duffield 86
616 (18) 00015-1 GOODY FOUR SHOES 19 (D,F,S) (A Newcombe) C Hill 5-7-7 ... G Bardwell 97
617 (10) 82-0680 MISS MOVIE WORLD 5 (B,D,S) (S Johnson) N Bycroft 4-7-7 ... J Fanning 85
618 (13) 230000- YES 193 (D,G,S) (W Coleman) D Thom 5-7-7 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 86

Long handicap: Yes 7-2.

BETTING: 5-1 Moon Strike, 7-1 Fascination Waltz, 8-1 Densben, Goody Four Shoes, Our Rita, 10-1 Castlerea Lad, 14-1 Languedoc, Martinosky, Temple Fortune, 16-1 Fighter Squadron, Nagida, Troon, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DENSBEN 2½l 3rd of 7 to Sir Harry Hardman in Haydock (6f, soft) handicap. NAGIDA ¾l 2nd of 13 *to Splice in handicap over course and distance* (good) with OUR RITA (1lb worse off) 4¾l 5th. OUR RITA around 2l 6th of 19 to Gorinsky in Ripon *(6f, good) handicap with CASTLEREA LAD (2lb* better off) 3½l 8th. MOON STRIKE beat Princess Oberon ¾l in 10-runner handicap over course and distance (good). LANGUEDOC beat Massiba head *in Leicester (6f, good) handicap* with MARTINOSKY (6lb better off) 9½l 10th. GOODY FOUR SHOES beat Hitchin A Ride 3l in 19-runner Warwick *(5f, soft) handicap.* Selection: GOODY FOUR SHOES (nap)

5.15 CHIPPENHAM PARK MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,347: 6f) (9 runners)

1 (6) 6 BIG SKY 16 (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan —
2 (4) 62240-0 CANASKA STAR 16 (Mrs J Sitton) P Kelleway 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 99
3 (9) 0- PERSIAN CHIMES 212 (I Stewart-Brown) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 ... G Duffield —
4 (3) 0- ROBLEU 163 (G Harwood) G Harwood 9-0 ... Gaye Harwood (7) —
5 (1) 6 TARTIB 16 (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 ... W Carson 66
6 (7) 6230- INDERAPUTERI 198 (H H Sultan Ahmad Shah) Miss G Kelleway 8-9 ... T Quinn 60
7 (8) 60000-0 INONDER 18 (T Barker) M Usher 8-9 ... J Williams —
8 (5) 0- MITHI AL GAMAR 183 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-9 ... W R Swinburn —
9 (2) 4 PUTOUT 25 (BF) (Lord Tavistock) Mrs J Cecil 8-9 ... L Dettori —

BETTING: 6-4 Canaska Star, 9-4 Big Sky, 9-2 Putout, 12-1 Mithi Al Gamar, 14-1 Inderaputeri, 16-1 Robleu, 20-1 Tartib, 25-1 Persian Chimes, 50-1 Inonder.

1992: CLAYBANK 9-0 Pat Eddery (2-1 fav) B Hills 9 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
A Fabre	6	16	37.5	Pat Eddery	72	417	17.3
P Chapple-Hyam	11	44	25.0	W R Swinburn	54	342	15.8
H Cecil	62	292	21.2	W Carson	76	484	15.7
J Glover	3	16	18.8	M Hills	32	221	14.5
M Stoute	49	262	18.7	L Dettori	52	380	13.7
J Fanshawe	13	72	18.1	M Roberts	58	480	12.1

THIRSK

THUNDERER
2.15 Point The Way. 2.45 Ballad Dancer. 3.20 Leif The Lucky. 3.50 Hi Nod. 4.25 Bold Thatcher. 4.55 Wharfedale Music.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM BACK STRAIGHT) SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 MAY MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,699: 1m 4f) (14 runners)

1 ABALENE J Mackie 4-9-10 ... G Hind 6
2 00-0 BRESIL 9 A Jarvis 4-9-10 ... S Whitworth 2
3 5/6 CALL THE GUV'NOR 7 H Cecil 4-9-10 ... A McGlone 3
4 FAIRWAYS ON TARGET 140J Mrs M Reveley 7-9-10 ... J Lowe 9
5 VIENNA WOODS 83J Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-9-10 ... T Lucas 12
6 50 BRANDON GROVE 9 T Barron 5-9-5 ... Alex Greaves 11
7 0 MISTRESS BEE 7 D Morley 4-9-5 ... M Tebbutt 8
8 2- MURPHYS WAY 24 J Eyre 4-9-5 ... O Pears (5) 14
9 00- COMBELLINO 184 P Harris 3-8-5 ... N Adams 4
10 0 ISLE OF PEARLS 18 M Stoute 3-8-5 ... P D'Arcy 13
11 63 KHISAL 15 D Morley 3-8-5 ... M Wigham 5
12 0- CHAJOTHELYTBRIGADE 267 M Avison 3-8-0 Darren Moffatt (7) 7
13 2 CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY 7 M H Easterby 3-8-0 S Maloney (3) 1
14 3- POINT THE WAY 175 M Stoute 3-8-0 ... G Carter 10

11-4 Point The Way, 7-2 Khisal, 4-1 Vienna Woods, 5-1 Murphys Way, 7-1 others.

2.45 BUSINESS FURNITURE CENTRE HANDICAP
(£3,816: 5f) (23)

1 000/ INDIGO 644 (CD,F) R Whitaker 5-10-0 ... A Culhane 2
2 00-0 SINGING STAR 14 (CD,F) J Balding 7-9-11 Claire Balding (7) 1
3 3-00 CATHERINES WELL 14 (D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 10-9-6 T Lucas 23
4 3015 SOBA GUEST 28 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) J Berry 4-9-5 ... G Carter 4
5 0-30 SUPER ROCKY 19 (D,F) R Bastiman 4-9-2 ... H Bastiman (7) 18
6 630- HERE COMES A STAR 194 (D,F) J Carr 5-9-2 ... S Morris 3
7 00-0 NED'S BONANZA 14 (D,F) M Dods 4-9-0 ... J Lowe 16
8 2651 EWALD 14 (CD,G) M Johnston 5-8-13 ... B Doyle (5) 9
9 0-34 SONDERISE 5 (D,G,S) N Tinkler 4-8-11 ... N Carlisle 22
10 000- MASTER POKEY 364 (C,F,G,S) M W Easterby 9-8-10 P Johnson (7) 12
11 2330 GREENWICH CHALLENGE 7 (D,S) C Smith 3-8-10 M Wigham 8
12 606- PRINCE BELFORT 177 (D,F) J Eyre 5-8-9 ... O Pears (5) 14
13 0652 SLADES HILL 14 (CD,F,G) T Barron 6-8-9 ... Alex Greaves 17
14 040- PRECENTOR 193 (B,CD,F,G) J Bethell 7-8-8 ... K Sked (7) 20
15 0/00 MACS MAHARANEE 14 (D,F,G) P Felgate 6-8-7 ... G Hind 6
16 000- FILICAIA 189 (D,F,G) E Incisa 7-8-7 ... Kim Tinkler 15
17 0006 LINCSTONE BOY 12 (B,D,F,S) K Burke 5-7-13 ... M Wood 19
18 -003 BALLAD DANCER 5 (D,G,S) Mrs P Barker 8-7-12 Darren Moffatt (7) 21
19 200- YOURS OR MINE 199 (C,F,S) D Chapman 5-7-12 ... S Wood 11
20 403- MISS ARABON 199 (G) Miss L Siddall 5-7-10 ... F Norton 5
21 0/0 RISKMEMAY 12 A Hambly 4-7-7 ... J O'Reilly 7
22 520- SOBERING THOUGHTS 197 J Eyre 7-7-7 M Humphries (7) 13
23 /00- DAILY SPORT AUGUST 224J M Chapman 4-7-7 D McCabe (7) 10

5-1 Ewald, 6-1 Sonderise, Slades Hill, 7-1 Ballad Dancer, 10-1 Here Comes A Star, Singing Star, Yours Or Mine, 12-1 Soba Guest, Lincstone Boy, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 8 winners from 24 runners, 33.3%; M Prescott, 6 from 26, 23.1%; M Johnston, 7 from 38, 18.4%; M H Easterby, 24 from 162, 14.8%; F Lee, 7 from 49, 14.3%; M Camacho, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: M Tebbutt, 4 winners from 15 rides, 26.7%; G Carter, 12 from 55, 21.8%; A McGlone, 3 from 17, 17.6%; M Birch, 25 from 155, 16.1%; S Wood, 9 from 63, 14.3%; S Perks, 7 from 50, 14.0%.

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 2.30 Young Freeman. 3.40 Petardia. 4.45 Miss Movie World.

3.20 THIRSK HUNT CUP
(Handicap: £12,330: 1m) (16)

1 1441 NO SUBMISSION 14 (CD,G,S) D Chapman 7-9-10 ... S Wood 16
2 10-4 HAMADRYAD 8 (F,G) S Norton 5-9-8 ... O Pears (5) 6
3 -011 LEIF THE LUCKY 9 (D,G,S) Miss S Hall 4-9-8 ... N Connorton 5
4 -012 GOLDEN CHIP 14 (D,F,G) A Stringer 5-9-5 ... S Maloney (3) 12
5 0-44 FOREVER DIAMONDS 7 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 6-9-0 M Birch 4
6 1466 ALLINSON'S MATE 36 (D,F) T Barron 5-8-12 ... Alex Greaves 10
7 4112 HENIU 36 (V,BF) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-5 ... Dean McKeown 9
8 6-00 SPANISH VERDICT 8 (D,F,S) Denys Smith 6-8-5 C Teague (7) 1
9 0-00 SELF EXPRESSION 8 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-4 ... J Lowe 13
10 0-01 GANT BLEU 15 (C,D,F,G,S) R Whitaker 6-8-3 ... A Culhane 8
11 -066 DOMICKSKY 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) M Channon 5-8-3 ... B Doyle (5) 15
12 30-1 MY BEST VALENTINE 28 (F) P Harris 3-8-1 ... F Norton 14
13 -453 SALBYNG 12 (D,G,S) J Hills 5-8-1 ... N Carlisle 7
14 0130 CEE-JAY-AY 14 (D,F,S) J Berry 6-8-0 ... G Carter 2
15 0404 FALCONS DAWN 17 (B,D,F,S) A Bailey 6-7-7 ... A Mackay 3
16 300- ATHERTON GREEN 221 (F) J Glover 3-7-7 ... N Kennedy (3) 11

4-1 Leif The Lucky, 11-2 No Submission, Forever Diamonds, 6-1 Heniu, 8-1 Hamadryad, Golden Chip, 10-1 Gant Bleu, Salbyng, 12-1 others.

3.50 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,208: 7f) (12)

1 412- BENZOE 197 (S) M W Easterby 9-7 ... T Lucas 4
2 211- GREAT STEPS 205 (D,S) E Weymes 9-6 ... G Hind 2
3 341- SO SO 189 (D,F,S) T Barron 9-4 ... Alex Greaves 6
4 40-1 MARGARET'S GIFT 7 (G,S) J Berry 9-2 ... G Carter 11
5 0-06 BIRCHWOOD SUN 7 (F,S) R Hollinshead 8-9 ... S Perks 8
6 21-0 DANCE TO ORDER 7 (D) M Prescott 8-6 ... C Nutter 1
7 453- TARNSIDE ROSAL 191 (F,G) J Etherington 8-5 ... M Birch 10
8 406- MITOUCHE 210 (C,G) A Hide 8-5 ... W Woods 3
9 13-2 HI NOD 28 (CD,F,G) M Camacho 8-2 ... N Connorton 12
10 130- SPRING SUNRISE 213 (D,F,S) M Blanshard 8-2 ... F Norton 7
11 0-03 PEACEFULL REPLY 28 F Lee 7-13 ... N Carlisle 9
12 5324 ROSE FLYER 5 (D) M Chapman 7-7 ... S Wood 6

11-4 Margaret's Gift, 7-2 Great Steps, 9-2 Hi Nod, Benzoe, 7-1 Dance To Order, 10-1 Birchwood Sun, 12-1 Tarnside Rosal, 14-1 others.

4.25 MILLGATE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,406: 7f) (9)

1 0- BEAUMONT 277 J Pearce 9-0 ... M Wigham 7
2 4-2 BOLD THATCHER 21 P Harris 9-0 ... N Adams 6
3 BROUGHTON'S PORT W Musson 9-0 ... D McCabe (7) 2
4 8 CHICKCHARNIE 10 B Beasley 9-0 ... O Pears (5) 3
5 0-4 LIDA'S DELIGHT 9 M W Easterby 9-0 ... T Lucas 4
6 ROYAL MUSIC J Berry 9-0 ... G Carter 8
7 CELESTIAL CHOIR J Eyre 8-9 ... Dale Gibson 1
8 05- PRIMITIVE GIFT 179 Mrs M Reveley 8-9 ... J Lowe 9
9 VIKING WATERS B Beasley 8-9 ... J Fortune 5

9-4 Bold Thatcher, 3-1 Royal Music, 4-1 Lida's Delight, Primitive Gift, 11-2 Chickcharnie, 7-1 others.

4.55 MARKET PLACE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,780: 5f) (16)

1 ALLWIGHT THEN F Lee 9-0 ... S Perks 13
2 6 ARKINDALE SPIRIT 16 M W Easterby 9-0 ... T Lucas 14
3 0 CHEEKY CHAPPY 5 D Chapman 9-0 ... D Nicholls 1
4 DEMI-PLIE D Loder 9-0 ... F Norton 10
5 33 MR BLOBBY 16 J Berry 9-0 ... G Carter 3
6 0 PRINCE SKYBURD 16 M Avison 9-0 ... M Birch 8
7 RIVA'S BOOK J Bethell 9-0 ... D Wildtson 5
8 SPORTING WARRIOR J Carr 9-0 ... S Morris 6
9 UNKNOWN STAR A Hambly 9-0 ... J O'Reilly 2
10 CERTIFICATE-X M Johnston 8-9 ... Dean McKeown 12
11 CHILIOLA M H Easterby 8-9 ... S Maloney (3) 9
12 EXPRESS LINE A Jarvis 8-9 ... S Whitworth 4
13 SPRING STAR Mrs V Aconley 8-9 ... N Connorton 7
14 TRYSAIL J Glover 8-9 ... S D Williams (3) 11
15 WARTHILL WHISPERS M Brittain 8-9 ... M Wigham 15
16 WHARFEDALE MUSIC R Whitaker 8-9 ... A Culhane 16

5-2 Mr Blobby, 7-2 Chiliola, 4-1 Certificate-X, 5-1 Wharfedale Music, 13-2 Demi-Plie, 8-1 Allwight Then, 10-1 Arkindale Spirit, Riva's Book, 14-1 others.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: good

2.00 (7f) 1, RISE UP SINGING (Mrs J Musson, 10-1); 2, Klassavos (Miss A Elsey, 12-1); 3, Aitch N'Bee (Mrs Maxine Cowdrey, 14-1); 4, Captain Marmalade (Miss I Diana W Jones, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Wainwright, 10 Nobby Barnes, 12 Dune River, 14 Blockade, Shining Jewel, Elton Ledger, Don't Drop Bombs, Wellington Rock (6th), 16 Alnasric Pete, 20 Ripsnorter, 25 Relentless Pursuit, Across The Bay, Themaam, Thundley Wood, Saifan, Loose Zeus, Heretical Miss, Rural Lad (5th), 33 Highest Praise, Take It In Cash, Toff Sundae, 50 Bessio, 100 Wayward Son. 27 ran. NR: Bayin. 3l, 2l, hd, hd, sh hd. W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £13.20; £2.50, £2.50, £3.80, £8.10. DF: £32.20. CSF: £132.69. Tricast: £1,602.57. 1min 25.86sec

2.35 (1m) 1, SHAMAM (W Carson, 7-1); 2, Waham (B Doyle, 7-1); 3, Satin Dancer (M Roberts, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Grove Daffodil (6th), 7 My Patriarch (5th), 9 Seasonal Splendour, *Green's Fair (4th)*, 10 Princely Favour, 12 Excess Baggage, 25 Wynona, 33 Don't Jump. 11 ran. Nk, nk, 2½l, 1½l, 1¼l. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £5.60; £1.80, £3.20, £2.70. DF: £20.60. *Trio: £91.40.* CSF: £46.81. Tricast: £364.56. 1min 39.21sec.

3.05 (1m 4f) 1, BRIER CREEK (M Roberts, 5-1); 2, Duke Of Eurolink (R Cochrane, 4-1); 3, Castle Cavalier (C Dwyer, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Quick Ransom (4th), 7-2 fav Song Of Sixpence (5th), 14 Muharib (6th). 6 ran. NR: Million In Mind. Hd, 2½l, 5l, 2½l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote £5.00; £2.20, £2.20. DF: £9.10. CSF: £21.25. 2min 36.25sec.

3.40 (1m 4f) 1, ZINAAD (W R Swinburn, 3-1 fav); 2, Apple Tree (T Jarnet, 13-2); 3, Jeune (R Cochrane, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Shuailaan (4th), 13-2 Garden Of Heaven, 7 Mashaallah (5th). 12 Silvernesian, Anne Bonny (6th). 8 ran. Nk, 2l, ¾l, 4l, 2½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £13.30. Trio: £23.50. CSF: £20.83. 2min 31.40sec.

4.10 (1m 2f) 1, TENBY (Pat Eddery, 6-5 fav; Private handicapper's top rating); 2, Planetary Aspect (J Reid, 9-2); 3, Desert Team (C Roche, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Shaiba (4th), 25 Star Manager (5th). 5 ran. ½l, 3½l, 1¾l, 3l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.80. DF: £2.50. CSF: £8.23. 2min 5.15sec.

4.40 (5f) 1, MILD REBUKE (M Hills, 5-1 fav); 2, March Of Time (R Cochrane, 33-1); 3, Anzio (L Dettori, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Access Crystal Magic (6th), 7 Lord Sky, Access Advantage, 10 Kingswell Prince (5th), 11 Gaelic Star, 14 Queens Stroller, Queen's Trust, 16 Mazeeka (4th), 20 Ems Boy, Rieky Altair, Bures, He Shall Reign, 25 Connect, Private Fixture, Twin Creeks, 33 Viceroy Ruler, Sheriff, Sporting Start, Lucy's Gold, Prima Silk. 23 ran. 2½l, nk, nk, ¾l, 2l. D Loder at Newmarket. Tote: £5.70; £2.20, £15.40, £4.10. DF: £397.10. Trio: £665.70. CSF: £166.69. 1min 0.57sec.

5.10 (1m) WINTER FOREST (M Roberts, walked over). H Cecil.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £27,604.25 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £849.30.

Hamilton Park

Going: soft (heavy in places), good to soft after fourth race

2.15 (1m 65yd) 1, White Creek (J Carroll, 16-1); 2, Quelque Chose (9-2); 3, Maastricht (5-2). Young Tess 5-6 fav. 6 ran. 1½l, sh hd. J Berry. Tote: £18.50; £5.40, £2.60. DF: £23.10. CSF: £76.02.

2.45 (1m 65yd) 1, Milngavie (J Fanning, 7-1); 2, Awestruck (15-2); 3, Gold Desire (12-1). The Premier Expres 2-1 fav. 7 ran. Nk, 2l. M Johnston. Tote: £22.80; £8.10, £1.70. DF: £32.80. CSF: £49.81.

3.15 (6f 5yd) 1, Dokkha Oyston (J Carroll, 4-9 fav); 2, Nutty Brown (4-1); 3, Francis Ann (9-2). 4 ran. 2½l, 6l. J Berry. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.52.

3.50 (5f 4yd) 1, Shadow Jury (K Darley, 9-4); 2, Clanrock (3-1); 3, High Romance (2-1 fav). 4 ran. 3l, 2½l. D Chapman. Tote: £3.70. DF: £4.30. CSF: £7.92.

4.20 (5f 4yd) 1, Jimmy The Skunk (J Carroll, 10-11 fav); 2, Passion Sunday (9-4); 3, Batien's River (5-1). 4 ran. 1½l, 3½l. J Berry. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.31.

4.50 (5f 4yd) 1, Lying Eyes (P McCabe, 7-1); 2, Rocle Valentine (11-8); 3, The Fernhill Flyer (Evens fav). 3 ran. ¾l, 7l. W Turner. Tote: £3.00. DF: £3.10. CSF: £13.95.

5.20 (1m 3f 16yd) 1, White Willow (K Darley, 11-8 fav); 2, Great Max (7-2); 3, Golden Torque (3-1). 6 ran. 2½l, 2½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £1.80. DF: £2.50. CSF: £5.64. Placepot: £1,151.40.

Newton Abbot

Going: good

2.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Steveyvul (V Slattery, 20-1); 2, Hymne D'Amour (5-2 fav); 3, River Island (7-1). 8 ran. 2½l, 4l. D O'Neill. Tote: £13.20; £2.10, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £39.00. CSF: £61.91. Tricast: £312.80.

2.40 (2m 110yd) 1, *Corrarder (Mr J* Smyth-Osbourne, 9-1); 2, Circulation (5-2); 3, Slippery Max (14-1). Fred Splendid 9-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Counterpunch. 6l, 1½l. J Old. Tote: £18.30; £5.60, £1.50. DF: £13.10. CSF: £28.90. Tricast: £260.78.

3.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Dis Train (J Osborne, 11-4); 2, Smiton Lane (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Romful Prince (16-1). Ring Of Fortune 5-2 jt-fav. 13 ran. 6l, 5l. S Sherwood. Tote: £4.70; £2.20, £1.90, £3.80. DF: £2.80. CSF: £9.90.

3.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Cobb Gate (M Stevens, 3-1); 2, Great Impostor (7-4 fav); 3, Grand Fellow (11-1). 5 ran. Dist, 30l. B Stevens. Tote: £3.60; £1.60, £1.30. DF: £3.70. CSF: £7.95.

4.15 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Plastic Spaceage (Peter Hobbs, 5-2 fav); 2, Sooner Still (12-1); 3, Royal Battery (7-2). 6 ran. 12l, 8l. J Old. Tote: £2.90; £2.20, £3.10. DF: £42.80. CSF: £25.81.

4.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Sport Of Fools (N Hawke, 4-1); 2, Grove Serendipity (6-4 fav); 3, Madam Picasso (5-2). 6 ran. NR: *Spirit Level. 15l, 3½l. W Reed. Tote: £3.70;* £2.40, £1.10. DF: £3.30. CSF: £9.64.

Placepot: £29.00.

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Sayyedati eyes Curragh

THE 1,000 Guineas winner, Sayyedati, is unlikely to run in the Oaks at Epsom. Her trainer Clive Brittain said yesterday: "At this stage, Sueboog is my more likely candidate for Epsom."

Sayyedati, as low as 6-1 for the Oaks with William Hill, will probably reappear in the Irish 1,000 Guineas at the *Curragh on May 22.* After that a probable target is the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot.

But plans will not be finalised until Brittain has had the opportunity to discuss the matter fully with Mohammed Obaida, the Dubai property developer who owns both fillies.

Brittain has a high opinion of Sueboog and reckons there isn't much to choose between the pair.

Sueboog, 8-1 for the Oaks with William Hill, is flourishing in her build-up to the French 1,000 Guineas (Poule d'Essai *des Pouliches*) at Longchamp on May 16.

Brittain reckons she has made great progress since her victory in the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury earlier this month. "She looks fantastic," he said.

Saturday portrait: Jonathan Davies, by Christopher Irvine

Prince of Wales who seeks crowning glory to triumphant exile

ILLUSTRATION: STEVE MARTIN



It is more than four years since his abdication: January 5, 1989, when a rugby nation draped black flags that flutter to this day. Exile in Widnes has been kindly and prosperous, but this afternoon the erstwhile Prince of Wales will once more mount a grand stage befitting his majesty.

The crowning moment of an appearance in the rugby league Challenge Cup final cannot come soon enough for Jonathan Davies, even though he will spend the pre-match build up at Wembley, as he does every game, clutching his stomach and making a constant bee-line to the smallest room.

A man who roused the valleys, who set light to the Cheshire plain, nervous? Even playing six-a-side football in his native Trimsaran, near Llanelli, it was the same — "Ten trips to the loo, daft really." Yet from the nerves, says Davies, comes the passion to succeed, the pride in performance and the desire, above all, not to let those around him down. The words spill out with a clarity of purpose manifest in all he does once on a rugby field.

Davies may be the most illustrious code-breaker in history, but his sheer quality, the impish derring-do of the little man, has blurred the edges of the two sports. He is a rugby player: one of the finest, and the main reason Wigan, like hundreds of league and union opponents before, will have the nailing of the Welsh will-o'-the-wisp uppermost in their priorities this afternoon.

Permit the 5ft 9in and 12 stone Davies room, as Leeds did in the semi-final, and even those countrymen who would have had the former Welsh captain hanged for treason must swallow hard. The nimbleness of foot and mind, the wicked sidestep and searing stride, undiminished by his 30 years, were once the preserve of a nation that Davies delivered from years of mediocrity. But for Doug Laughton and the Widnes cheque-book he would, likely as not, still be in his whimsical element at stand-off half for Wales.

Prejudice about his departure runs deep even now, but it is safe to say that Davies would have remained if the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) had got its supportive act together sooner. Wigan had their claws in Scott Gibbs, the Wales centre, last year, before he was enrolled on its "welfare programme", as the WRU describes it. "If I'd had that treatment, why risk starting as a novice in a much harder game?" Davies said.

Here, Davies negotiates a fine line. Regrets? Other than missing a British Isles tour, there are none. The knocking brigade is far more vociferous in league, and the alienation caused by scurrilous headlines, like one saying he was returning to coach Llanelli, angers him as much as critics at home who would have been happy to see him fall flat on his face at Widnes.

> However loyal he is to league, he knows a parochial minority will always see him as a union outsider

Both sides of the argument still find it hard to accept that not only has he made a remarkable success of the 13-man game (nine Great Britain caps and a place on the 1990 tour of New Zealand, the Welsh captaincy, players' player of the year in 1991 and a club record 342 points the same season) but that he actually loves the sport, is committed to Widnes and that union represents a social recreation for later life — "league's too hard for just a bit of fun".

He knows that however good, or loyal he is to league, he will always have to face the parochial, small-minded minority who see him as a union outsider, only in the north for the league shilling. In his own mind, he knows that the thrill at reaching Wembley, after two losing semi-finals, surpassed the previous playing highs of Wales' third place in the 1987 World Cup and the triple crown the following year, although "nothing ranks with Cardiff Arms Park the first time".

The dream of a Welsh jersey was fulfilled against England in 1985, just three years after his senior club debut with Neath. Davies was pencilled in as A. N. Other. Wales won 24-15, and a new stand-off half off the now-redundant Welsh conveyor belt collected a try and a dropped goal. "It was like Garry Sobers coming into bat and taking guard," Cliff Morgan said. "You don't often experience that feeling in your life."

At Gwendraeth Grammar School, where he followed Carwyn James and Barry John, Davies was always encouraged to run with the ball. He has not stopped since, nor given up on the constant need to push himself that little bit further. What some people call arrogance, Davies describes as professional pride "like the one-on-one situation. I know I will beat the other man, which comes from an inner strength".

With the refrain in league, particularly from the Great Britain management, about his suspect tackling, Davies took himself to the competitive Sydney Premiership in 1991 and again disproved the doubters, returning a more aggressive, physically stronger player, after four months with Canterbury-Bankstown.

"What I liked also was that the Australians didn't bracket me as a rugby union player," Davies said. "They took what I did at face value. What depresses me is that rugby league supporters here can stab their own game in the back by knocking players. If a league player made a success of himself in union, people would treat him as a fantastic union player, not knock him for what he was previously."

His reputation will doubtless continue to precede him for the two remaining years of his contract with Widnes, at the end of which he intends to call it a day. There was pressure from some committee members for him to leave this year, he said, with the club at one point in financial turmoil. Davies, John Devereux and Paul Moriarty, his Welsh compatriots, were luxuries Widnes bought largely on the never-never, but Wakefield Trinity, who put in a bid in January, could not afford Davies's £70,000 annual purse.

Besides, the best could yet be to come. For a man who obeyed no plan other than instinct, the tackle charts and video analysis of Phil Larder came as a rude awakening this season. The Widnes coach was alarmed to find Davies not counting in sets of six, instead waiting for the referee's arm to be raised to signal the fifth tackle. The result is a tactical kicking game that was absent before.

After mostly playing full back or in the centre, Larder has settled Davies at stand-off alongside Bobby Goulding, a supreme organiser and perfect foil. The comparison with his old union position is inevitable, yet pointless. "At No 10, you maybe don't tackle or get tackled. At No 6 in league, you've got to make the tackles, drive the ball in, take the knocks, but when there's chink of light, grab the opportunity," he said.

If the Wigan pack can be stymied and the Widnes forwards start rolling, a son of the valleys might just hold the key. "Jonathan's like a poker player who has four aces up his sleeve," Larder said. "He's just got to play the right one at the right time."

The pressure on him will begin to tell about an hour beforehand. The nerves dispensed with, the pride will surge on his entrance into the rarefied Wembley atmosphere, and Welshmen everywhere will sing songs of praises for their lost prince.

Hounslow search for elusive double

By Sydney Friskin

HOUNSLOW, the Pizza Express National League hockey champions, hope to achieve the season's double when they meet Teddington tomorrow in the final of the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup at the Stantonbury Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes.

The confrontation is a repeat of last year's final, which Hounslow, flush with cash after a recent sponsorship deal, won 3-2. "We employed the wrong tactics in the first half but our approach will be quite different this time," Jason Laslett, the Teddington captain, said. "No one really expects us to beat Hounslow, but we shall try and, fortunately, the pressure is off us now." Win or lose, Teddington will be in Europe next year.

Hounslow, winners for the last two years — and five times in all — will be without their captain and full back Simon Hazlitt, whose fractured knuckles will keep him out of action for at least three months. But they can still offer strong resistance with Williamson, Hobson, Bolland and Swayne forming a solid wall of defence. Hack, Potter and Rees should have the edge in midfield, leaving Crutchley, Thompson and Gordon to launch three-pronged attacks.

Teddington are fighting fit, with the possible exception of LeHuray who, although returning from injury, seems unlikely to play. They have a core of brilliant young players, notably Hauck, McGuire, Billson and Moore.

Hounslow yesterday announced a three-year sponsorship package worth nearly £50,000 by Pinkerton Security Services, and the first cheque for £10,000 will be presented today at Chiswick Boat House.

In the next few months Hounslow will move to new premises at Chiswick, where they will play on a water-based artificial turf pitch, with facilities to match the best in Europe.

Tomorrow's final will follow the HA Club Trophy final between Halifax and Oxton.

Outstanding favourites target sixth successive Challenge Cup victory

Wigan to prove they have no peers

By Christopher Irvine

IT IS hard to envisage Widnes succeeding at Wembley this afternoon, such is Wigan's dominance of the rugby league Silk Cut Challenge Cup. Life is full of uncertainties, but Wigan's springtime harvest of silverware is not one of them as they go for their sixth successive cup triumph.

The script may need a new ending, but with the world of rugby league being relatively small — and getting smaller — Wigan have to still to receive the acclaim they deserve.

On the day, though, that a large chunk of the North decamps to London, a wider audience will watch admiringly while cheering the efforts of Widnes to spoil Wigan's sequence of 30 unbeaten Challenge Cup ties.

John Monie's place in rugby league history was assured a few trophies ago, but to take his leave with a fourth successive cup and league double, and a possible first grand slam of the five principal competitions — with the premiership in two weeks' time — would leave John Dorahy, his fellow Australian and successor as coach next season, an awesome task.

Success comes in cycles. Monie says in innocence. Wigan have not truly known failure since the 1984 final, when Widnes beat them 19-6 in their only previous meeting at Wembley. And history, at least, is on Widnes's side; they lead 5-3 in cup head-to-heads.

But Wigan have, as they say, been there before. "There's no fear, no Wembleyitis," Monie said. "It's just a job."

Phil Larder, the Widnes coach, impressed upon his players yesterday the need to acclimatise quickly and forget the 78,000 full house. "The place can get to you for ten minutes, and boom, it's over," Larder said.

Should Wigan begin as they did against St Helens in the second round, it could be settled even sooner. The nature of the initial tackling left their opponents that day bewildered and helpless.

With Moriarty and Koloto missing, Widnes may suffer a power failure in the back row. While there has been an element of cat-and-mouse about some of their injuries, the absence of two hugely imposing forwards could be crucial.

A solid forward platform is necessary for Jonathan Davies to work his wizardry, and to give the battling Goulding, alongside him at half back, the room to free Devereux, Wright and Currier.

Wigan, in Monie's four-year tradition, will play their usual percentage game and will rely on one-man drives and a hoof downfield by Shaun Edwards, playing in a record-equalling eighth final, while applying the defensive squeeze to force Widnes into errors.

In terms of exploiting these, Martin Offiah is back in the rudest health with 31 tries this season and has a desire to improve on his two touchdowns against Castleford in the final last year.

Edwards, with 45, is proving even more lethal. Botica's kicking is a virtual guarantee of two extra points for each try and he needs just two goals to beat the club record of 176, set by Fred Griffiths, of South Africa, in 1958-9.

With Robinson, 18, performing wonders on the left wing, and Farrell, 17, on the bench after only three full first-team appearances, an extraordinary legacy continues to stretch out before Wigan's opponents.

Farrell admitted yesterday that he was surprised at being in the side. "It's a tremendous achievement for me and I'm just pleased to be here," he said. "The coach always uses his substitutes, so I expect I'll get on at some stage."

Looking round the stadium, which will be packed, he said: "I don't know how they are going to fill it. Coming through the tunnel today just gave me a tingle — I don't know what it's going to be like tomorrow."

After journeying from Brisbane to rejoin Widnes for the day, Julian O'Neill will be hoping for an appearance as substitute in time for him possibly to influence the result.

The full back for Rochdale schools, against Sheffield in the schoolboys' curtain-raiser to the final, will raise some eyebrows. Sophie Cox, 11, will become the first female to play rugby league at Wembley.

Cox, of Littleborough, Rochdale, won her fight to play for the school's representative side after a ban placed on her by the North West Counties Schools Rugby League was rescinded by the English Schools Rugby League, which is now amending its constitution to accommodate both sexes, given the growing interest by girls in the sport.

Because Rochdale have no women teaching staff with the team, Cox is being shepherded by a female teacher borrowed from the opposition. "The lads have insisted that she change separately and then join them beforehand for the team talk," Tony Cox, her father, said.

WEMBLEY TEAMS

Widnes			Wigan	
S Spruce	1	Full back	S Hampson	1
J Devereux	2	Right wing	J Robinson	2
A Currier	3	centre	J Lydon	3
D Wright	4	centre	A Farrar	4
D Myers	5	Left wing	M Offiah	5
J Davies	6	Stand-off	F Botica	6
B Goulding	7	Scrum half	S Edwards	7
K Sorensen	8	Prop	A Platt	8
*P Hulme	9	Hooker	M Dermott	9
H Howard	10	Prop	K Skerrett	10
E Faimalo	11	Second row	D Betts	11
R Eyres	12	Second row	*D Bell	12
D Hulme	13	Loose forward	P Clarke	13

*Captain

Referee: R Smith (Castleford)

SUBS: 14 J O'Neill, 15 S McCurrie.

PATH TO FINAL: Preliminary round: 62-14 v Swinton (h); First: 20-8 v Whitehaven (a); Second: 52-6 v Sheffield (a); Third: 4-4 v Hull KR (a); replay: 16-11 (h), Semi-final: 39-4 v Leeds (at Central Park, Wigan).

SUBS: 14 A Farrell, 15 S Panapa.

PATH TO FINAL: Preliminary round: 40-2 v Hull (h); First: 20-4 v Dewsbury (a); Second: 23-3 v St Helens (h); Third: 19-18 v Halifax (a); Semi-final: 15-6 v Bradford Northern (at Elland Road, Leeds).

Second is first class for Faurie

By Jenny MacArthur

BRITAIN'S Olympic rider, Emile Faurie, on Virtu, produced his best dressage test to date yesterday to finish runner-up to Christolet Boylen, of Canada, on Biraldo in the sun drenched grand prix at the Goodwood International Dressage meeting.

Faurie, born in South Africa, produced a soft and beautifully fluent test to earn a score of 1,540 — the highest mark achieved by a British rider in a grand prix in recent memory. An emotional Faurie said: "He was just brilliant and so switched on."

During the winter Faurie, aged 29, has kept Virtu "ticking over" with regular hacking near his home at Naunton, in Gloucestershire. He attributes Virtu's improvement since the Olympics to "both of us being one year older and that much more experienced."

Few riders are more experienced than Boylen. A veteran of six Olympic Games, Boylen, who is based in Germany and trained by Udo Lange, produced a typically stylish test yesterday, earning a score of 1,574.

Several horses, including last year's winner, Adrett, ridden by Pia Laus, of Italy, found it difficult to settle in Goodwood's exposed arena.

Earlier yesterday, in the Prix St Georges, Lizzie Loriston-Clarke, who is competing in her first official senior international competition, produced a superb performance on Catherston Dutch Bid to finish third. The 22-year-old rider, whose horse nearly died from colic last summer, relegated her mother and trainer, Jennie Loriston-Clarke, with Catherston Dazzler, to fourth place. The class was won by Frank Lamontagne, of Germany, on his Dutch-bred stallion, Duphar.

RESULTS: Grand Prix: 1, Biraldo (C Boylen, Can), 1,574pts; 2, Virtu (E Faurie, GB), 1,540; 3, Chevalier (A Van Olst), Denmark, 1,513; 4, Attention (S Rothenburger), Germany, 1,509; 5, Gorgione (C Hester), GB, 1,502; 6, Montreaux (A-M Sanders), Holland, 1,479. Prix St Georges: 1, Duphar (F Lamontagne), Germany, 1,215; 2, Amadeus (G Rothenberger-Gordijn), Holland, 1,213; 3, Catherston Dutch Bid (E Loriston-Clarke), GB, 1,207; 4, Catherston Dazzler (J Loriston-Clarke) GB, 1,203.

Athletes make off-track advance

By Alix Ramsay

THE 104 disabled athletes competing in the Commonwealth Games in Canada next year have won four important battles in their attempt to become fully integrated into the competition.

When it was originally decided to allow six disability events into the games, the athletes were to remain separate from the main body of the championships. Now they are to attend the opening and closing ceremonies, live in the athletes' village and come under the jurisdiction of the able bodied management teams.

The only remaining bone of contention left is the medals. The winners of the men's wheelchair marathon and 800 metres, the men's and women's 100 metres freestyle swimming and the men's and women's bowls for the visually impaired will receive different medals from the able bodied athletes.

Selection will be made on the best times recorded between May 1, 1993 and May 1, 1994, adding an extra edge to the national wheelchair track championships this weekend. It will also increase the interest in the Swiss championships this summer, with its fast marathon course.

England could field a team of ten for the games, with two representatives in swimming and athletics and one in each of the bowls competitions. However, one noticeable absentee will be Tanni Grey. With no women's wheelchair events there is no room for Britain's best known paralympic champion.

Grey, however, after picking up her trophy as the Variety Club and Outward Bound Trust disabled sports woman of the year, will defend her seven titles at the national wheelchair track championships in Leicester this weekend. Grey will contest every distance from 100 metres to 10,000 metres at the premier domestic meeting of the season. Another clean sweep of the medals would go some way to erasing the memory of a disappointing London marathon.

Conditions good when crewman disappeared

BILL Vincent, the crewman lost overboard from Heath Insured as the ten British Steel Challenge yachts continued the final stage of the race around the world, went missing on Wednesday close to the Equator. The incident happened an hour before dusk when the yacht was reaching under a full mainsail and spinnaker at eight knots through calm seas.

Moments before, Vincent, 47, a carpenter from Bath who, like all other amateurs in the race, had paid £15,000 to compete, had helped to ease the spinnaker pole forward. He then walked back to the cockpit and inexplicably fell overboard within feet of his crew-mates, Samantha Brewster, who was at the wheel, and Carol Randall. Adrian Donovan, Heath's skipper, was called on deck immediately.

Within 30 seconds, the yacht's danbuoy marker had been launched, and its position pin-pointed on the satellite navigation system. Other crew members hurried to drop the spinnaker as the yacht turned back.

"We searched the area for two hours until it was dark, then continued with a spotlight," Donovan said. "The conditions were south-westerly force three to four with a moderate swell with few white horses. We put two crew, Samantha Brewster and Dave Spratley, up the mast to the second spreaders. We also had lookouts in the pulpit, port and starboard sides of the boat and on both quarters."

Vincent, who was one of the first to sign up for the race, failed to surface, and after other yachts joined the hunt, the search was called off at 13:00 GMT yesterday, after survival authorities advised that there was no real chance of him being found alive.

Reports from the yacht suggest that he may not have been wearing a buoyancy aid or life-line, though that is not surprising given the clear, warm conditions.

Alan Green, the racing director of the Royal Ocean Racing Club, the British yacht racing authority, said yesterday: "This is a most unfortunate accident. I am confident that the level of equipment on the boat, and the degree of training given to the crew was appropriate. In particular, the rescue operation was exemplary. Adrian Donovan and his crew carried out a text-book search."

In some quarters yesterday, the inevitable questions were being asked why Vincent was not wearing a lifejacket or harness. Green answered them by stating that the criteria for wearing this safety equipment was when the yacht was reefed, the crew were non-swimmers, or they were working on deck at night. "Clearly, none of these applied," he said.

The loss of Vincent will now be the subject of a full enquiry, both on the yacht and by the Department of Transport, when the yacht returns to Southampton in three weeks' time. Donovan began taking statements from each of his crew yesterday, and only on their return is it likely that the mystery of how someone can fall off a well-found yacht in clear, calm conditions and within sight of his crew, and be lost, will be unravelled.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday with miles to Southampton): 1, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 3,393; 2, British Steel II (R Tudor), 3,374; 3, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 3,378; 4, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 3,389; 5, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 3,392; 6, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 3,415; 7, Holsbrau Lager (P Goss), 3,439; 8, Intotopray (P Jeffes), 3,441. 9, Cooperu & Lybrand (V Cherry), 3,469; 10, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 3,521.

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IATION: STEVE MARTIN

Sunday season tickets to be won

TO SIGNAL its sponsorship of the re-styled Sunday cricket league, Axa Equity & Law has linked with *The Times* to offer "season tickets" to Axa Equity & Law League matches this summer.

Our competition has prizes for 15 of our readers — a pair of tickets to all the home Axa Equity & Law League matches this season of the county of the winners' choice.

Sunday league cricket has a new look this summer. The matches will be 50 overs per side, there are no limits to a bowler's run-up and each can bowl a maximum of ten overs per innings. White balls and black sightscreens are the order of the day and the players will be dressed in coloured clothing, which incorporates their name on the back of the shirt and the county on the front. Each county has its own colours.

The sponsorship of Axa Equity & Law, the United Kingdom-based life assurance and investment management company, means that counties will be playing for the richest

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prize fund in Sunday cricket. The champions will receive £30,000 and the league, which starts on May 9, will be televised by BBC.

For the chance to experience first hand the drama and atmosphere of the new Sunday league, study the three questions below. Telephone your answers to the number given, with your name, address and daytime telephone number, by 9am on Tuesday. The winners will be the first 15 selected at random from all the correct entries received before the closing time and notified by telephone on Tuesday afternoon. The winners will be published on Wednesday.

Question 1

Who are the Sunday league champions?

Question 2

Which batsman has made the highest individual score in the Sunday league?

Question 3

Which five counties have never won the Sunday League?

Call 0839 121 172

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Injury to Sohail adds to Pakistan's problems

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN ANTIGUA

A series which has so far produced two clear knockouts, both by West Indies, reaches its final stages with the start of the third Test match, sponsored by Cable and Wireless, here today. On a pitch which is expected to produce a result, it would be a surprise if West Indies were not again to have much the better of things.

Since the first afternoon of the first Test match, when they were bowling West Indies out for 127 and then reaching 100 for two themselves, Pakistan have not been in the hunt. Unhinged by the drugs business in Grenada and deprived by injuries of two key bowlers — Mushtaq Ahmed and Aqib Javed — they have not only failed to look the best side in the world, they have looked a poor one. Man for man, West Indies have established a massive superiority.

If Wasim has not given the West Indian batsmen an easy ride, Waqar, by his high standards, definitely has. For the first time since they struck up their formidable partnership, in 1990, they have failed to move mountains together. Unless they do so again, if not here then in some future series, there are sure to be those who will say they were never the same after the ball was being regularly inspected.

For the moment, I prefer to think that the cares of captaincy, as well as the trouble he is having with his delivery stride (he bowled 41 no-balls in 72 overs in the first Two Tests), may account for Wasim's comparative innocuousness, and that Waqar has simply lost his rhythm and with it his drive. Since bowling one lightningly fast spell against Jamaica in the first match of the tour, Waqar has rarely troubled the best batsmen.

The pitch here in St John's, where Vivian Richards and Richie Richardson came to light and on which Andy Roberts first put the wind up English batsmen, can have pace enough to give Waqar the fillip he needs. Roberts, now a West Indian selector, is supervising its preparation, and he has a natural empathy with fast bowlers. The Bridgetown pitch, on which the second Test was played, was an eminently fair one, and the crowds there were as large and irrepressible as of old. Barbadians have had no one-day international to unload them of their money and their enthusiasm; nor, fortunately, have Antiguans.

Pakistan's latest setback is the return home with a groin injury of Sohail. They still hope to have Rashid Latif back behind the stumps; but only a substantially improved performance from the few experienced players they have left can prevent West Indies from making a clean sweep of the series. Javed, for one, will be anxious to make up for getting out so recklessly in the last over of the third day of the second Test.

To suggest that such an old soldier as Javed, someone committed for so long to scoring runs, should have done it on purpose, because he lost the captaincy, would be unfair. For a while after Wasim superseded him, Javed felt angry and hard done by. He became an isolated figure. But Wasim said to him in South Africa, "It's not my fault what has happened and it's not yours". Since then, there has been no animosity between them.

The Wylie shuffle does for French

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Worcestershire, with all second innings wickets in hand, are two runs behind Nottinghamshire

IN NO ground in England does the old nestle more cosily alongside the new than at Trent Bridge. At tea-time Maurice Youdell, the Nottinghamshire chairman, accepted an engraved trowel from Wimpey, the contractors who have transformed the Lowater pavilion from an Edwardian tea house into the spanking Hound Road Stand.

Already, all tickets for the second and third days of the third Test, which begins on July 1, have gone. No spectators at any of the six Test grounds will enjoy a more pleasing aspect than those in the top tier of this stand, which boasts a pair of turrets fit to rank with Rapunzel's.

A crowd, which improved with the day, watched some fair cricket, particularly when Cairns was batting. But the most striking performance was pear-shaped. On his first class debut, Alex Wylie, the 20-year-old Worcestershire pace bowler, gave notice that he must be watched. Certainly, on quicker wickets batsmen will have their whiskers singed.

His return of one for 50 tells no sort of story. In striving for that extra yard he twice conceded four wides and frequently had Rhodes leaping about in homage to Gordon Banks. Wylie is raw but undeniably quick and no amount of coaching can put that in unless it is there.

Tamworth-born, perhaps Wylie will in time deliver his own manifesto on fast bowling. He is a bit of a curio, bowling in a special boot which alleviates the stress on his partly-deformed left foot. As Radford was not available to bowl until the 71st over, suffering from a stomach strain, there was plenty of bowling for him to do.

Wylie's action is deceptive, shuffling in, as he does, from 18 paces like a man panting to catch a Midland red bus. When he lets it go, however, the batsman probably wishes he had caught it. Aiming to pull him, Bruce French saw the ball get horribly big and brushed the bails as he fell. Though X-rays revealed nothing worse than bruising of the leg, Pollard kept wicket later.

French was entitled to think he had done his job by then, having added 78 for the seventh wicket with Greg Mike towards a first innings lead of 30. In a low-scoring match Mike's 47 stands out as an unusual peak, a Skiddaw among so many Eigers. But Wylie remains the find.

Caddick strikes to leave Hampshire batting in tatters

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Hampshire, with two first-innings wickets standing, are 360 runs behind Somerset

HALF-an-hour of riveting, one-sided cricket after lunch yesterday demonstrated why Andy Caddick must be part of England's Ashes challenge this summer while David Gower may not, and why Somerset could win the county championship while Hampshire almost certainly will not.

Such conclusions are usually fraught with danger in the early days of the season, but the strength of Caddick's claims were as unmistakable as the all-round purpose of Somerset's cricket and the all-round fragility of Hampshire's.

As for Gower, he must simply be thankful that no England selector was here yesterday. They, in fact, were announcing Graham Gooch's extended tenure as captain precisely as Gower strolled to the crease.

The sky was blue, the pitch benign and all was set for the nation's enduring hero, but five balls later he was back, having carelessly and flatfootedly slapped an undeserving short ball to cover.

Gower's was the one wicket to elude the predatory Caddick as he took four for three in 17 balls. Hampshire would have been embarrassingly exposed even if they were not replying to a Somerset total of 500 for six, in which Neil Burns succeeded where Mark Lathwell and Richard Harden had narrowly failed, scoring the first championship century of the summer.

From the poverty of five for five, any recovery is relative, but a sixth-wicket stand of 61 put a braver face on Hampshire's plight and four hours of undefeated defiance from the captain, Mark Nicholas, put the conditions back in perspective.

For the team who set the pace in the championship last year, however, this year's launch has so far been a chastening experience. Malcolm Marshall has shown no sign of being the bowler he was, despite a heady winter in South Africa, and the ordinariness of the rest of the attack could not entirely be blamed on the pitch, as Caddick was to show.

Kevin Shine's potential cannot forever be gauged by his 13 wickets in a match at Old Trafford 11 months ago when he has taken only another 25 in 13 games since, and he plainly had not learned the folly of bowling short from Lathwell's tutorial on Thursday. This time, Burns was the eager beneficiary.

Somerset, having added 46 from the first 75 minutes of the morning, plundered 111 from the last hour. Graham Rose, missed by the wicket-keeper off Shine, made 64 before underclubbing a lofted drive to long-off to end a stand worth 159, the last 100 of which occupied only 45 minutes.



Caddick: predatory

Burns, like Rose an expatriate Londoner, went on his untroubled way to the fifth century of his career, scored in less than three hours and reward for many hours of work on his batting in the indoor nets at Taunton during the winter. The vast majority of his runs came through the on side, but his defence was assured, his manner strikingly confident.

The opposite could be said of Hampshire's early batting. After almost nine hours in the field, they set off after lunch with such a spectacular slide that they were in grave danger of following-on before tea.

A surface which, for Hampshire's bowlers, had displayed the spring of a quicksands, seemed to have undergone surgery in the lunch interval. Caddick bowled very straight and distinctly fast and, with his ability to seam the ball away from the right-handers, he simply overwhelmed Hampshire.

Tony Middleton, an England A team colleague, was out to the last ball of his first over, failing to smother extra bounce, and Sean Morris was brilliantly taken at third slip from the second ball of his second.

A canny slower ball might easily have had Gower caught at mid-wicket, first ball, but Mallender disposed of him anyway, before Caddick, his exemplary line allowing no respite, removed Terry and Marshall leg-before.

Nicholas has never fulfilled early expectations of his batting, but at his best, he remains elegant and authoritative. Only Caddick troubled him persistently as he carried the innings into another day, but with 211 still needed to avoid the follow-on, a dodgy weather forecast is now Hampshire's best hope of reprieve.

IAN STEWART



Full stretch: Lampitt throws himself into restricting Nottinghamshire yesterday

Wells proves his well-being

VINCE Wells, the Leicestershire all-rounder who finished last season in hospital amid fears that his career could be over, proved he has made a full recovery at Grace Road yesterday. His dogged 47 helped Leicestershire to recover from 98 for five to reach 255 and take a first-innings lead of ten runs over Surrey (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

Wells, 27, who conceded only 19 runs in 13 overs on the first day, batted for two hours 40 minutes after Leicestershire had been held together, as so often last season, by their captain, Nigel Briers, who scored 79 off 157 balls.

Wells shared partnerships of 33 with Laurie Potter and 45 with Gordon Parsons as Leicestershire's tailenders frustrated the Surrey attack.

Another Wells, the Sussex captain, Alan, held centre stage at Cardiff where his innings of 120, the 27th century of his career, helped his side to 275 for six in reply to Glamorgan's 331. Wells hit a six and 15 fours in a stay of four hours. David Smith was in slightly longer for his 38, finding life a desperate struggle against a nagging attack. Robert Croft, the off spinner, did not have a run scored from his first 46 deliveries.

Maynard's smart slip catch ended Smith's innings at 159 and Wells was on 94 when he lost Martin Speight. But he then reached his century by driving Lefebvre for his 13th four. A second batting point came before Watkin bowled Wells, the same bowler inducing Peter Moores to give the diving Lefebvre a catch with the third ball of the 120th over.

In the "friendly" Roses match at Headingley, Lancashire were saved from acute embarrassment against the spin of the newcomer, Richard Stemp, and Jeremy Batty by a splendid hundred from their England A batsman, Graham Lloyd, who scored 116 from 159 balls. Lancashire, 85 for six at one stage, rallied to reach 200, which still left them 119 in arrears.

Northamptonshire grateful to Felton

BY JACK BAILEY

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Northamptonshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 154 runs behind Warwickshire

THIS match is proving no holiday for batsmen. Once more, with one or two exceptions, graft was the order of the day. Only when Small unfurled his cover drive towards the end of Warwickshire's innings and then when the relatively unknown 21-year-old Malachy Loye stroked the ball around for Northamptonshire was anything like a full free flow of the bat on display.

For the seasoned professional this was a grafter's pitch, the ball coming through at varying heights from the faster bowlers, progressively taking spin when the bowling was from the pavilion end. Thus Northamptonshire have a special cause to be grateful for the watchful innings of Nigel Felton, whose undefeated 90 was the mainstay of their reply to Warwickshire's 345.

It may not be enough. Neil Smith has turned the ball almost square at times, and the team batting last seems certain to be involved in a rare tussle. Chances are that Lamb's reasonable gamble of giving Warwickshire first innings will prove crucially wrong.

Felton is still there, though, and Northamptonshire bat a long way down, so it is still anyone's game.

But a war of attrition it is likely to be to the end. The left-handed Felton's vigil has so far lasted only 15 minutes short of five hours. His partnership of 69 for the fourth wicket with Loye has played a large part in keeping Northamptonshire afloat.

Felton came mighty close to being run out before he had scored. Penney's direct hit on the stumps found him just making his ground for his first run.

He was also dropped at slip when 51, but otherwise his was a stalwart effort and Allan Lamb, his captain, was afterwards full of praise for it.

Loye needed only 75 balls for his 46. Coming in after Northants had lost the wickets of Fordham, Bailey and Lamb for 104, he played an innings rich in promise and free of inhibition.

Munton had picked up two victims including Lamb, caught at cover in an attempt to prevent the bowler dominating.

The morning saw the end of Warwickshire's long innings, but only just. The bear's tail wagged after it had looked as though he might be subdued without a fight. Curran's fine bowling over two days received no more than its due when he took the wickets off Reeve and Piper, caught respectively at short leg and second slip and Taylor's dismissal of Smith meant that Warwickshire had lost three more wickets in adding 30.

This brought in Small, whose driving through extra cover was a revelation. In company with Donald, he carried Warwickshire along.

Two vast blows over the straight boundary off successive balls from the slow left arm of Cook were immediately followed by a catch to long-off, gratefully accepted by Curran, and it was time for Northamptonshire to embark somewhat doubtfully on their innings.

Gerrard shows his lessons are learnt

BY IVO TENNANT

BRISTOL: (Second day of four): Gloucestershire lead Middlesex by 119 runs

WHATEVER the prevailing view about taking bowling coaches on England tours, they have their places. One is the indoor school at Ilford, where during the winter, John Lever gave a fellow left-armer, Martin Gerrard, advice that was evidently invaluable. In the late afternoon yesterday Gerrard took as many wickets as he had managed in any championship match hitherto.

They could hardly be bettered, either. To snare Gatting, Ramprakash, Carr and Feltham is quite something when you have taken only 26 first-class wickets and are closer to 30 years old than 20. Gerrard's bowling helped give Gloucestershire a quite unexpected first innings lead of 119.

Only early in their innings did Middlesex bat propitiously. As might be expected, their best cricket came when Gatting and Ramprakash were together. One has to retain his England place; the other is desperate to regain his. There was nothing better than the feline ease with which Ramprakash bisected Hancock's cover ring, not one of them moving.

There were a couple of forcing drives by Gatting that led to Davies being taken out of the attack after three overs. It was the first and last time we saw spin. Yet as in India, the former England captain did not remain long enough to impose himself on the bowling. Gerrard, 26, whose accuracy belied his modest previous achievements was too good for him. Running in with agricultural purpose, he swung one across Gatting, hit Ramprakash's middle stump and had Carr nicely taken by Russell in front of first slip. A few more wickets like those and the Western League will not see Gerrard again.

The fact that he and Smith are left-armers at least gives a different dimension to an attack that is drearily one-paced in the absence of Walsh. On this kind of pitch, the seamer doing just enough to ensure that batsmen remain vigilant, this style was good enough.

Gerrard's fourth wicket, that of Feltham, came by way of a breathtaking catch by Scott at deep point. There was scant resistance to Cooper at the other end. And to think that with the new ball they had scarcely troubled Roseberry and Keech.

One other medium-pacer was deserving of mention. At times in this match, Fraser has forced the slips back as he generated greater pace. In taking his fourth wicket yesterday (as well as a fine catch at third man to end Gloucestershire's innings), he gained his best return for two years.



Fraser: two-year best

...thletes make ...ff-track ...dvance

BY ALEX RAMSAY

104 disabled athletes ...eting in the Commonh Games in Canada next ...ave won four important ...s in their attempt to ...ne fully integrated into ...mpetition.

...en it was originally de... to allow six disability ...s into the games, the ...tes were to remain sepa...rom the main body of the ...pionships. Now they are ...tend the opening and ...g ceremonies, live in the ...tes' village and come ...r the jurisdiction of the ... bodied management ...s.

...e only remaining bone of ...ention left is the medals. ... winners of the men's ...elchair marathon and ... metres, the men's and ...en's 100 metres freestyle ...ming and the men's and ...en's bowls for the visually ...aired will receive different ...als from the able bodied ...etes.

...election will be made on ... best times recorded be...n May 1, 1993 and May ...994, adding an extra edge ...the national wheelchair ...k championships this ...kend. It will also increase ...interest in the Swiss champ...ships this summer, with ...ast marathon course.

...ngland could field a team ...en for the games, with two ...resentatives in swimming ...l athletics and one in each ...the bowls competitions. ...wever, one noticeable ab...tee will be Tanni Grey...th no women's wheelchair ...nts there is no room for ...itain's best known ...alympic champion.

...Grey, however, after picking ... her trophy as the Variety ...ib and Outward Bound ...ust disabled sports woman ...the year, will defend her ...en titles at the national ...eelchair track champion...ips in Leicester this week...d. Grey will contest every ...stance from 100 metres to ...,000 metres at the premier ...mestic meeting of the sea...n. Another clean sweep of ...e medals would go some ...ay to erasing the memory of ... disappointing London ...arathon.

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance championship

Leicestershire v Surrey

LEICESTER *(second day of four): Surrey, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are five runs behind Leicestershire*

SURREY: First Innings 245 (D J Bicknell 50, A R K Pierson 4-57)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell not out	6
A J Stewart not out	0
Extras	0
Total	5

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Thorpe b Murphy	3
*N E Briers lbw b Benjamin	79
A R K Pierson b Benjamin	0
J J Whitaker c and b M P Bicknell	9
P E Robinson c Kendrick b Thorpe	6
B F Smith c Thorpe b Murphy	5
L Potter c Lynch b Kendrick	21
V J Wells c Brown b Murphy	47
†P A Nixon c Kersey b Kendrick	7
G J Parsons not out	29
A D Mullally c Ward b Benjamin	8
Extras (b1 lb10 w1 nb23)	41
Total (105.5 overs)	255

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-25, 3-46, 4-57, 5-98, 6-150, 7-183, 8-197, 9-236

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 19-4-46-1, Benjamin 30.5-4-86-3, Murphy 26-10-55-3, Thorpe 10-3-29-1, Kendrick 20-11-29-2.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 6, Surrey 5.

Umpires: J D Bond and A G T Whitehead

Glamorgan v Sussex

CARDIFF *(second day of four: Sussex, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 56 runs behind Glamorgan*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 331 (S P James 78, R D B Croft 60; E E Hemmings 4-69)

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham lbw b Lefebvre	10
J W Hall lbw b Dale	40
D M Smith c Maynard b Dale	39
*A P Wells b Watkin	120
M P Speight c James b Barwick	23
†P Moores c Lefebvre b Watkin	29
I D K Salisbury not out	0
F D Stephenson not out	10
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total (6 wkts)	275

A C S Pigott, E E Hemmings and E S H Giddins to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-65, 3-159, 4-210, 5-262, 6-265.

Score at 120 overs: 236-4

Bonus points: Glamorgan 4, Sussex 5.

Umpires: J H Harris and N T Plews.

Gloucestershire v Middlesex

BRISTOL *(second day of four): Gloucestershire have a first-innings lead of 119 over Middlesex*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad lbw b Feltham	56
S G Hinks c Ramprakash b Keech	25
R J Scott c Brown b Fraser	24
M W Alleyne c Carr b Feltham	25
*A J Wright b Keech	35
T H C Hancock c Gatting b Taylor	24
†R C Russell c Carr b Fraser	22
A M Smith c Ramprakash b Fraser	27
M Davies not out	19
K E Cooper c Carr b Fraser	13
M J Gerrard c Fraser b Feltham	9
Extras (b 3, lb 7, w 9)	19
Total (120 overs)	299

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-107, 3-121, 4-162, 5-204, 6-204, 7-240, 8-261, 9-275.

BOWLING: Fraser 30-10-76-4; Taylor 30-7-93-1, Emburey 10-4-9-0; Feltham 34.4 13-68-3, Keech 16-7-28-2, Tufnell 10-6-15-0.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M Keech c Russell b Smith	35
M A Roseberry lbw b Smith	32
*M W Gatting b Gerrard	27
M R Ramprakash b Gerrard	35
J D Carr c Russell b Gerrard	6
†K R Brown lbw Cooper	15
M A Feltham c Scott b Gerrard	6
J E Emburey not out	4
A R C Fraser c Alleyne b Cooper	3
C W Taylor b Cooper	0
P C R Tufnell c Russell b Cooper	0
Extras (lb 10, w 4, nb4)	18
Total (85 overs)	180

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-76, 3-142, 4-147, 5-162, 6-170, 7-174, 8-178, 9-180

BOWLING: Cooper 22-9-33-4, Gerrard 25-4-50-4, Smith 17-5-49-2, Davies 3-0-13-0; Scott 12-3-19-0, Hancock 6-4-6-0

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 6, Middx 4.

Umpires: J W Holder and G Sharp

Hampshire v Somerset

SOUTHAMPTON *(second day of four): Hampshire, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are 360 runs behind Somerset*

SOMERSET: First Innings

A N Hayhurst c Terry b Connor	23
M N Lathwell c Middleton b Udal	99
R J Harden b Marshall	97
*C J Tavaré c Morris b Connor	15
N A Folland c Terry b Connor	81
†N D Burns not out	64
G D Rose c Shine b Udal	64
A R Caddick not out	2
Extras (b1, lb8, nb8)	17
Total (8 wkts dec)	500

N A Mallender, H R J Trump and A P Van Troost did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-169, 3-205, 4-310, 5-330, 6-489.

Score after 120 overs: 360-5

BOWLING: Marshall 30-8-67-1, Connor 36-12-81-3; Shine 20-1-101-0; Turner 30-6-120-0; Udal 34-6-118-2, Nicholas 1-0-4-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry lbw b Caddick	2
T C Middleton c Lathwell b Caddick	0
R S M Morris c Harden b Caddick	0
D I Gower c Folland b Mallender	3
*M C J Nicholas not out	89
M D Marshall lbw b Caddick	0
†A N Aymes b Mallender	33
S D Udal c Tavaré b Trump	16
I J Turner lbw b Rose	0
C A Connor not out	9
Extras (lb4 nb4)	8
Total (8 wkts 72 overs)	140

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-2, 3-5, 4-5, 5-5, 6-66, 7-113, 8-114.

K J Shine to bat.

Bonus points: Hampshire 2, Somerset 9

Umpires: A A Jones and G A Stockley.

Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire

TRENT BRIDGE *(second day of four): Worcestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are two runs behind Nottinghamshire*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 203 (R A Pick 3-28, J A Afford 3-43)

Second Innings

T S Curtis not out	13
W P C Weston not out	15
Total (no wkt)	28

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

D W Randall c Hick b Lampitt	13
P R Pollard c Illingworth b Lampitt	18
*R T Robinson b Illingworth	17
M A Crawley c sub b Lampitt	13
C L Cairns c Lampitt b Newport	40
C C Lewis b Illingworth	13
G W Mike lbw b Newport	47
†B N French not out	28
R A Pick lbw b Newport	2
M G Field-Buss not out	2
J A Afford b Radford	2
Extras (b5, lb15, w16, nb2)	38
Total (98.3 overs)	233

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-40, 3-54, 4-83, 5-129, 6-129, 7-207, 8-216, 9-231.

BOWLING: Wylie 17-3-50-1; Newport 24-7-50-3, Lampitt 17-5-33-3, Illingworth 26-13-39-2; Hick 9-3-25-0, Radford 4.3-1-8-1; D'Oliveira 1-0-8-0.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 5, Worcestershire 5.

Umpires: B J Meyer and P B Wight

Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

EDGBASTON *(second day of four): Northamptonshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 154 runs behind Warwickshire*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Ripley b Curran	47
R G Twose c Ripley b Taylor	5
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Capel	34
D P Ostler c and b Curran	46
T L Penney c Lamb b Capel	68
*D A Reeve c Felton b Curran	23
N M K Smith c Bailey b Taylor	12
†K J Piper c Fordham b Curran	6
G C Small c Curran b Cook	39
A A Donald c Ripley b Penberthy	19
T A Munton not out	3
Extras (b 1, lb 19, w 2, nb 8)	30
Total	345

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-78, 3-112, 4-207, 5-234, 6-274, 7-274, 8-288, 9-321

BOWLING: Taylor 32-10-82-2, Curran 35-10-64-4, Capel 25-5-66-2, Penberthy 22-7-50-1, Cook 21.5-7-50-1; Bailey 4-2-13-0.

Score at 120 overs: 296-8.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Donald b Munton	20
N A Felton not out	90
R J Bailey c Donald b Reeve	3
*A J Lamb c Penney b Munton	13
M B Loye c Moles b Small	44
D J Capel b Smith	1
†D Ripley not out	3
Extras (b 3, lb 9, w 1, nb 4)	17
Total (5 wkts, 77 overs)	191

K M Curran, A L Penberthy, J P Taylor and N G B Cook to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-65, 3-105, 4-173, 5-180

Bonus points: Warwickshire 4, Northamptonshire 3

Umpires: M J Kitchen and D R Shepherd

Other match

Yorkshire v Lancashire

HEADINGLEY *(second day of four): Yorkshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 155 runs ahead of Lancashire*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon c Atherton b Barnett	48
A A Metcalfe b DeFreitas	9
S A Kellett st Hegg b Barnett	62
C White lbw b Barnett	8
†R J Blakey b Watkinson	85
D Byas c and b Watkinson	44
P W Jarvis c Atherton b Barnett	11
D Gough c Mendis b Barnett	0
R D Stemp b Watkinson	5
J D Batty lbw b DeFreitas	13
M A Robinson not out	8
Extras (lb 3, lb 13, nb 2)	18
Total	319

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-89, 3-115, 4-174, 5-277, 6-278, 7-279, 8-294, 9-296

BOWLING: DeFreitas 18-6-49-2, Martin 18-8-35-0, Chapple 16-4-47-0; Watkinson 33-8-89-3, Barnett 40-12-83-5.

Second Innings

M D Moxon not out	11
A A Metcalfe not out	3
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (no wkt)	16

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis c Blakey b Batty	16
M A Atherton c Kellett b Batty	19
N J Speak b Stemp	6
*N H Fairbrother c Byas b Batty	0
G D Lloyd c Gough b Stemp	116
†W K Hegg lbw b Jarvis	0
M Watkinson b Stemp	0
P A J DeFreitas c and b White	12
P J Martin lbw b Jarvis	21
G Chapple not out	1
A A Barnett lbw b Jarvis	0
Extras (lb7, nb2)	9
Total	200

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-41, 3-41, 4-49, 5-84, 6-85, 7-131, 8-198, 9-200.

BOWLING: Jarvis 13.3-4-20-3; Gough 12-3-24-0, Robinson 8-14-0, Stemp 25-10-55-3, Batty 18-3-75-3; White 2-1-5-1

Umpires: D O Oslear and P Wiley

Tour match

England Amateur XI v Australians

RADLETT *(Australians won toss)*: *Australians beat England Amateur XI by 94 runs*

AUSTRALIANS

M J Slater c Evans b Van Lint	41
M L Hayden c Van Lint b Hackett	151
*M A Taylor c Dean b Hackett	53
D C Boon not out	24
M E Waugh not out	1
Extras (lb 13, w 5, nb 4)	22
Total (3 wkts, 55 overs)	292

D R Martyn, †T J Zoehrer, S K Warne, C J McDermott, B P Julian and W J Holdsworth did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-92, 2-211, 3-283

BOWLING: Arnold 11-2-51-0, Rosher 11-1-62-0; Hackett 10-0-74-2; Van Lint 11-1-0-49-1, Evans 11-2-40-0; Sharma 1-0-3-0

ENGLAND AMATEUR XI

S J Dean c Zoehrer b Holdsworth	48
†S V Waterton c Zoehrer b Julian	8
*M J Roberts b Holdsworth	17
I Stokes c Zoehrer b Holdsworth	1
R Sharma c Zoehrer b Julian	11
M Hussain c Zoehrer b McDermot	39
P Rosher c and b Julian	12
A Van Lint c Taylor b McDermott	3
R Evans not out	12
N A Arnold c Holdsworth b Warne	5
N Hackett b Warne	1
Extras (lb 5, w 18, nb 12)	41
Total (45.2 overs)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-82, 3-98, 4-102, 5-125, 6-149, 7-166, 8-183, 9-192

BOWLING: McDermott 10-0-35-2, Holdsworth 8-3-28-3, Julian 11-2-60-3, Warne 9.2-1-41-2, Martyn 6-0-23-0, Taylor 1-0-6-0

Umpires: J H Hampshire and B Dudleston

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QUESTION MARK HANGS OVER ZAFONIC'S 2,000 GUINEAS CHANCES

Australia march to Hayden's tune



On a roll: Arnold watches in hope as Slater, the Australian opening batsman, keeps the ball off his stumps at Radlett yesterday: Photograph: Hugh Routledge

England hedge bets as Gooch is reappointed for three Tests

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE England captaincy will remain a distracting issue throughout the Ashes series after the decision, announced yesterday, to reappoint Graham Gooch for only the first half of the summer. Gooch will lead England in the Texaco Trophy series and the first three Test matches against Australia.

A meeting of the England committee at Lord's concluded that, while Gooch is still the only serious candidate for the captaincy, someone fresh may have to be tried prior to the winter tour of the Caribbean, for which Gooch is unavailable. It is a genuine concern, but the agreed compromise may lead to disruption and uncertainty at a crucial stage of the most important Test series.

For some weeks after he returned from the 3-0 winter defeat in India, Gooch contemplated giving up the captaincy. When, finally, he was convinced of the wisdom of going on, the general relief related not only to the esteem in which he is held, but the absence of anyone equipped to take over.

That position may or may not still apply come September, but it seems that priorities are becoming dangerously confused if the committee is worrying about the tour next winter, tough though it will be, even before England try to redress the balance of recent results against Australia.

Introducing a new captain in mid-series is arguably helpful to the man concerned, but does nothing for the psychology of the team. In 1988, England used four captains in five Tests against West Indies and the series was lost 4-0.

A similar situation should be avoided at all costs, but the appointment of Gooch for only three of the six Tests this season allows ample scope for unhealthy speculation and misguided experiments. Better to have buried the issue by giving Gooch the entire summer, thus ensuring continuity, rather than hedging for the future when the present involves the Ashes.

The committee, comprising Ted Dexter, Keith Fletcher, Micky Stewart, Ossie Wheatley, Alan Smith and Frank Chamberlain, will have had to weigh all this against the fact that England have lost their last five Test Matches, four of them under Gooch, and that the captain's state of mind after India did not encourage long-term confidence.

Yesterday, Gooch declared himself "delighted" with his reappointment and added pointedly: "I am looking forward to playing better than we did in the winter, and to beating Australia. It is going to be tough for us, but I am fully committed to the job, and I don't like losing."

If the series is reasonably balanced after three Tests, it is barely conceivable that Gooch will be replaced. If, however, the losing sequence continues, he will give way to one of a short-list of three, of whom Alec Stewart is the most likely. Mike Gatting is strongly favoured by at least one member of the committee and Mike Atherton is the outsider.



Gooch: delighted

Stewart still has to identify his role within the side before making any further career advance. He could captain the team as an opening batsman or as wicketkeeper, but he could certainly not attempt the job while combining both.

There is no doubting Gatting's experience or durability as a leader. What may be held against him, rightly in my view, is the occasionally shoddy behaviour of the team when he previously led them. Atherton can only make his claim if he is treated with greater favour than he was during the winter.

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Caton's death is 'terrible shock'

BY KEITH PIKE

TOMMY Caton, the former England under-21 defender, has died at his home near Oxford. Caton, who was 30, is thought to have collapsed after suffering a heart attack, although police said the cause of death had not yet been established. He leaves a wife and three young children.

"It is a terrible tragedy and shock, and our thoughts go very much to his family," Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, said. "Tommy has had problems with an ankle and we had been talking to him about possible retirement from the game. He couldn't get the ankle right and had been under a fair amount of stress because of it."

Caton won 14 Under-21 caps while with Manchester City, whom he joined at 16, and Arsenal, who signed him for £500,000 in December, 1983. Born in Liverpool, he also won caps at schoolboy and youth level, but never fulfilled the promise of his early career.

He later played for Oxford United and Charlton, but had not figured in Charlton's first team since January 1991 because of persistent injuries, which necessitated three operations.

Paul Gascoigne, the England midfield player, was recovering in an Essex hospital last night after undergoing surgery on the cracked cheekbone he suffered during the match against Holland on Wednesday. "Everything went extremely smoothly and he is very comfortable," Gascoigne's advisor, Mel Stein, said.

Stein refused to comment on reports that Gascoigne was considering legal action against Jan Wouters, the Dutch defender whose elbow caused his injuries.

Colin Henderson, the Middlesbrough chairman, resigned yesterday on the eve of their match against Sheffield Wednesday. Defeat at Hillsborough today would condemn Middlesbrough to relegation from the Premier League. Henderson blamed "proposed changes [by the board] which were inconsistent with the structure of the club" for his decision.

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Simon Barnes watches the touring side get down to the serious business of winning against the England amateur team

I saw the summer's first swallow a week or more back, but since then things have taken a turn for the worse. While a willow warbler sang sweetly from the cover point boundary, we had the first Australian century of an Ashes summer. Ominous? Matthew Hayden scored it: don't try and remember the name. We might be sick of the sound of it long before the swallows have left.

Australia, faced with a solid week of practice at Lord's, had asked for an extra game to break it up. They were pretty specific about what they wanted: a reasonably undemanding one-dayer outside London, yet no more than an hour from Mayfair, where they are staying, and on a nice, pretty ground.

And so the Aussies began their tour yesterday at Radlett, in that part of Hertfordshire that hates to be called suburb but is not quite a village either. There was scarcely a building in sight, plenty of green all around, and plenty of blue up above, too. All this within the ring of the M25: an underrated county, Hertfordshire.

Among the Radlett old boys is a chap called Douglas Jardine, who used to live here. He is remembered more warmly here than in Australia, at any rate. The opposition the Aussies faced yesterday was an England Amateur XI. Don't ask me how this makes it different from the team they will face in the Test matches this summer. I am trying to keep off the cheap jokes this week.

The players come from the Minor Counties and top clubs. And they are all about as serious as cricketers can get. They are not *England. Our England* types, nor do they look like it: no baggy trousers, no billowing sleeves, no Harlequin caps. It was baseball caps and helmets and plenty of nylon and elastic-topped trousers and naturally, they have the inane habit of pointing at the ball as it runs by. Why do they do this?

They had an awful lot of pointing to do when Hayden was batting. Even a day that is supposed to be a warm-up canter is serious for Hayden. Undistracted by willow warblers and the jaunty holiday atmosphere — Radelett *en fête* with marquees and barbies — he set out to bat with immense seriousness. He opened the batting and made 151 before he was out caught on the boundary in the 54th over.

He is a left-hander, he is 21, and he used to train for the triathlon. That argues great toughness and great self-absorption: not a bad combination for a Test opening batsman. A bookie was offering 20-1 against him finishing as Australia's top scorer in Tests: that is worth a speculative fiver of anybody's money.

He was the first player to score 1,000 runs in his first Sheffield Shield season, two winters back. Last winter, he went through six weeks in league cricket without getting out. Everything about him smells of resolution: if he comes good this summer, his will not be a cheap wicket.

The Aussies were not in festival mood. They cantered on, never setting Radlett alight but doing everything with — well, professionalism. It was a gentle warm day, but a serious day, for all that.

There was, at least, a serious burst of jollity from the English side. Australia certainly suffered a nasty moment or two when their ooponents set off in pursuit of their total of 292 for three, and treated the Australian attack as if it was part of a rather poor club side.

Craig McDermott saw his second ball creamed to the boundary for four. That was Steve Dean of Staffordshire, who bears the nickname of "The Terminator", according to the programme. He proceeded to lay about the bowling in a manner that was about as agricultural as Mayfair, particularly favouring a sweet cover drive from one knee.

There was a moment when I thought we might have one of the great giggle-stories to write, especially as Wayne Holdsworth went for 21 in two overs. But alas, The Terminator was terminated on 48, having scored them from 44 balls with nine fours. It was the innings of the day without a doubt.

Sadly, as the day faded, so did the England side's ambitions. At one stage, there seemed an outside chance of them stealing a victory thanks entirely to the prodigious number of wides and no-balls that the ring-rusty Australian bowlers scattered all over Radlett. But it was not to be.

Australia cantered home comfortably enough. They didn't look like world-beaters: they didn't look like duffers either. They looked — well, serious. As you'd expect. A long summer ahead, and the swallows are still arriving.

The BBC, meanwhile, has been accused of letting the world down. The World Service has decided against ball-by-ball commentaries because of financial cutbacks. A Sri Lankan cricket lover, Rajan Udeshi, has recently arrived in England to stir up a little action. He has has visited Bush House to present a petition and also written to the prime minister in protest.

Cricket is the world's game; how come the BBC has not realised this?

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An angelic illustration of cricket



I AM still shaking my head in wonder at one of the finest cricket pictures ever to have come from that strange land where art and sport overlap.

It is part of an exhibition at the Burlington Gallery in central London, which is called *Next Man In*, and which opens in the middle of this month.

The picture in question is called *The Ever Open Door*; it is a photogravure by Sigismond Goetz.

The composition, as partly shown in the detail to the left, is dominated by what are no doubt the artist's favourite things: angelic wings and naked female bodies.

But there is more.

I quote from the bumph: "Perhaps the most unusual item ever to enter our catalogues, this fascinating image shows the gates of heaven with an assembled throng of the good and the bad awaiting their judgement.

"About to receive permission to enter the golden gates is a contrite batsman in full cricket gear, pads and all."

The eagle-eyed reader will spot him, head bowed and bat akimbo, on the extreme right, just behind the expiring soldier who is being given the kiss of life by the right-hand angel.

And he doesn't look a bit like Chris Broad.



SIMON BARNES

Sporting Diary

I managed to avoid playing rugby at school when I was 14, and I have never looked back. Now a gentleman, clearly demented, writes to tell me that he has not managed the same feat. He adds that his team managed to score his age at rugby union when it won 54-0. "I realised that I have now played in six different decades," he tells me. "This is by no means unique — four others in my club share the same distinction." Any other wild and reckless claim for sporting longevity?

All in the family

HERO of the week can only be the great Vittorio Cecchi Gori. His dad, Mario, owns Fiorentina football club, and Vittorio is reckoned to be one the the finest examples of a *figlio di papa* in all Italy. He is the *de facto* power in the club, and he is now on his third manager of the season.

He got rid of Gigi Radice after a tumultuous row about zonal defence: he then appointed Aldo Agrappi. Cecchio Gori has just fired him: this time the row was about selection.

In comes the former youth team coach, Luciano Chiarruggi, who has told the world that he, Luciano, will pick the team. Ha! Not if he wants to keep his job, he won't.

As for Vittorio, it is his proudest boast, and one he has made in print, that after he had been sent off in a charity match, he beat up the referee and both linesmen and reduced them all to tears.

Heavy going for the reader

I HAVE always taken pride in my literary stamina. But the echoing thump of the arrival of the latest sporting masterpiece has rather unnerved me.

I lack the book reviewer's traditional set of scales, but at 300 pages, the book would probably leave an economy air passenger substantially overweight, andthe price, £20, is not in the economy passenger's range, either.

Nor is the title: *Horsetrader: Robert Sangster and the Rise and Fall of the Sport of Kings*. Written by Patrick Robinson and Nick Robinson "with the full co-operation of Sangster", it is the sort of book that leaves one rather lost for words. Here, though, is a line to put on the back of the paperback edition: "A must for all Robert Sangster fans — *The Times*."

Historic victory

THIS column sends its best Euro-congrats to Brussels, after the European colts' cricket tournament last week. The final was played on the edge of the battlefield of Waterloo: but the greatest defeat of the week had already been recorded by Hurstpierpoint, the 1992 winners from England. They were beaten by Brussels: English cricket was lost on the playing fields of Waterloo.

Sight scream

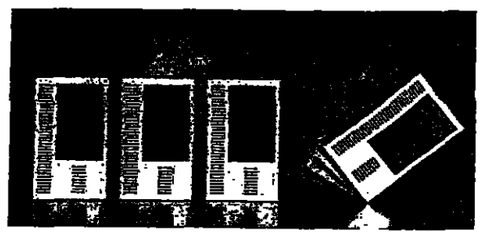
CRICKET, a game of great traditions, has become the most gimmick-afflicted sport in the world. The latest horror is that revolving sight screens will be fitted at three test grounds: Old Trafford, Headingley and The Oval. The sight screens can show plain white, plain black, or some horrible tacky advert. And the BBC plans to take up the failed gimmick of the camera inside the stumps.

Still, nothing is worse than those absurd outfits they apparently still expect the players to wear on Sundays. We wouldn't be seen dead in them on the sacred turf of Tewin.

MORSE

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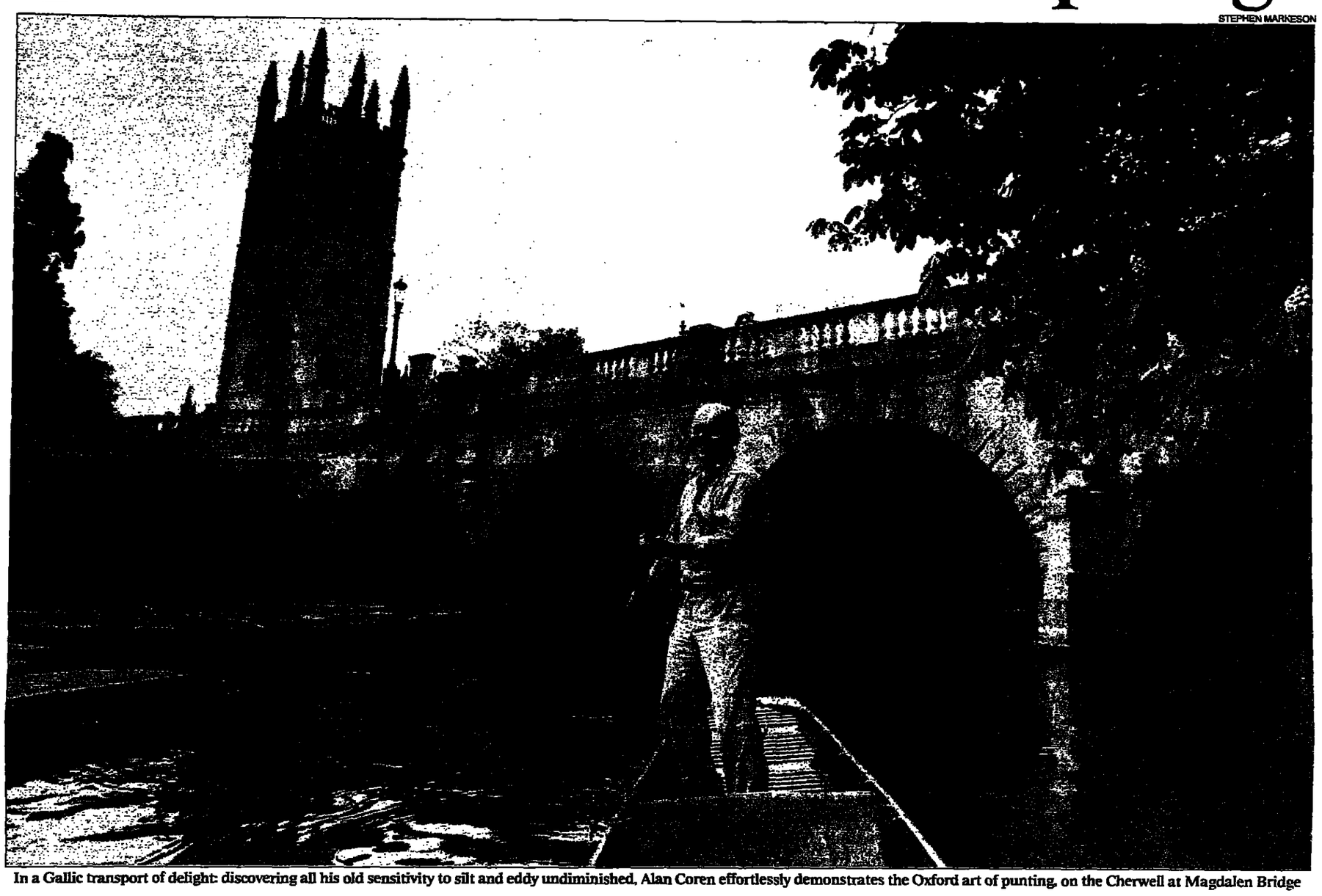
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Pole position for the rites of spring

Alan Coren supplies the lusty sub-plot to May Morning tales of the riverbank



STEPHEN MARKESON

In a Gallic transport of delight: discovering all his old sensitivity to silt and eddy undiminished, Alan Coren effortlessly demonstrates the Oxford art of punting, on the Cherwell at Magdalen Bridge

I don't know how early you rose this morning to tug this newspaper through your flap, but I do know that it wasn't nearly early enough to catch the *Magdalen College* choristers in their cots. They were long gone. They had risen even before the dawn itself had got around to it, they had gurgled one last gargle to *bring their little glottises* to perfect pitch, they had shimmied into their scarlet cassocks, and they had set off on the long climb to the top of Magdalen Tower to form serried *ranks and, on the peal of 6am,* beat the skylarks at their own aubadal game.

So that by the time you read this, they will almost certainly have abseiled down again, having put yet another *Te Deum Patrem Colimus* triumphantly behind them, just as their trilling forebears had done every May morning since *the one in 1773 when they sang it* for the first time, in place of the far longer oratorio they had been singing for the umpteen years before that. Because, as you may recall, *it was coming down cats and* dogs on May 1 1773, and the bedraggled songsters were not only so late in getting to the tower, but also so knackered at being com*pelled to scale it at the double, that* time and breathlessness required them to substitute for their traditional concert repertoire that concise chunk of the college grace which *they* subsequently decided to stick with, for there is nothing like a public cock-up to get an English tradition off the ground; that is why we have the Light Brigade to thank for cardigans and matching woolly hats.

Why do the choristers do this? Does May-singing share the ritualistic folderol of May-poling, Maybirching, May-garlanding, Maystaving, May-queening, or any other of the coyly indelicate celebrations that combine soft floral circlets and long stiff staffs in order to remind us what our fancy is seasonally expected lightly to turn to? Well, yes, it does rather (otherwise Morris dancers would not, at the close of the singing, hurtle through Oxford in that frenzy of crypto-eroticism for the most part lost on the goggling tourist), and in *a very peculiar way, too.* Because the traditional means of arriving at the bottom of Magdalen Tower in order best to appreciate what is happening at the top has always been *the punt*: and one, what's more, in which a young man and a young woman have spent the *previous night ostensibly in mystic* union with riparian sprites, but in fact, given average luck, going at it like staffs and garlands.

Let us now turn to one of Oxford's even more significant contributions to the culture, the *OED*, where we find a *double entendre* so delightfully right for the present purposes that it might very well bring us to the point. "Punt: a kind of Gallic transport." *A kind of Gallic transport!* Could there be a definition more consonant with the lexicographer's decorous nib than this attempt to convey with propriety the improper associations of a word his professional *duty requires him to address?* We know what Gallic transport is all right, it is ooh-la-la, it is the pleasure, and the gift, of mademoiselle from Armentières, it is, in short, what happens to people at that moment when the earth moves for them, which it noticeably tends *to in a punt, as vernal sunlight* dapples their tingling skin, and bluebirds collide ecstatically above them, and coupling toads plash in a lusty sub-plot on the bank, acknowledging the spring with every hormone in their warty bodies.

Et in Arcadia ego, provided you can say that without getting buried first. I, too, have lain willow-hidden in the gnatty Oxford gloaming and scattered Cherwell minnows with cold bangers jettisoned, half-fin*ished, because other appetites* suddenly pressed; I, too, have stood shivering as May crept in, up to my numb waist in sunken punts among the bobbing bras and bottles, while *boy sopranos smugly* asserted their innocence two hundred feet above. Nor, since you ask, was mine an undab hand at the pole itself; it had to be, then, because those not to the manner born felt that they owed that *much* to those who had offered them the *chance of the manner learnt: if you* were a Fifties grammar-school boy, you took your counter-jumping seriously, and there was nothing like a punt-pole to help you vault it, you could quit the social class which sat pulling itself backwards with two bits of wood and paying for it with *half-a-crown*, to join the social class which stood pushing itself forwards with one bit of wood and paying for it on account.

> I, too, have jettisoned cold bangers in the Cherwell half-finished because other appetites suddenly pressed

Given which, and also the nauseating nostalgia you will already have picked up at every turn of this ramble, it suddenly came upon me, when I was invited to help *The Times* celebrate May Day, to roll down the arches of the years until I came to the one marked Magdalen Bridge and see how much water had, interim, rolled under it. I took it in mind, that is, to convene a little party of my *jeunesse dorée* contemporaries, hire a punt for the night of April 30 and, having frittered the *small hours away in booze and* soppy reminiscence, pole it towards the dawn chorus.

So am I, then, as you merely read this, living it? Wait.

Since I did not wish to appear even more of a prat than the entire enterprise suggested, I thought it no bad plan to go up to Oxford *last* Sunday, solicit a punt at Magdalen Bridge, and get my hand in, or, rather, up and down: which would have, furthermore, the benefit of providing *The Times* with a photograph to accompany the commissioned text. So I duly settled an unsettled paparazzo at one end, erected myself shakily at the other, and shoved off. And surprisingly, the hands quickly rediscovered their cunning and the sensitivity to *silt and eddy returned, so that by* the time I slid bumplessly back alongside the punt-landing, I was confident in my booking of an overnight punt, cash up front, for *the coming May Morning eve. The* puntmaster, however, shook his head.

"Night-punting's been banned," he said.

"*Banned?*" I cried. "Why?"

"People got drunk," he said.

"But they always got drunk."

"*They got up to, you know.*"

"But they always got up to it."

"They fell in."

"But they always fell in."

"The punts went walkabout, or sank."

"But they always went walkabout, or sank."

He needed a clincher. You could tell.

"Jeremy Irons," he said, "used to keep a private punt here, a very nice punt, cost a fortune, folding canopy, *full recliners, you could live on* that punt, anyway, one night it was nicked, what do you think of that, Jeremy Irons's punt nicked?"

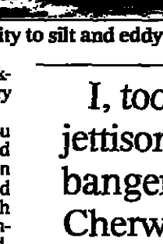
"Quite appalling," I said. "The *man won an Oscar.*"

"There you are then," said the puntmaster.

Here I am, then. In bed in Cricklewood, on May Morning. I shall dress in a bit, go down to my pond, see if the frogs are up to anything festive, have a glass of *Bollinger, wink an eye at the* woman next door. I may even take my ukulele. It won't be the same, of course, but these days, what is?

Haggle your way to economic recovery

Or why Lovejoy's got nothing on my husband



WEEKEND *voice*

MARY KILLEN

Bargain hunting has become a national sport. Perhaps the Sunday screenings of both *The Antiques Roadshow* and *Lovejoy* had something to do with it, but car boot sales have never been so popular and many people now go to them every Sunday as a matter of course.

Although *the majority of* goods (or, in this case, bads) being sold are "grot", people still tour the ranks rapaciously. Why, they might pick up a stamp album full of Penny Blacks, or a rare model of an early camera that the current owners had not realised the value of. You are much more likely to be able to pick up a four-legged plastic stand for LPs with a bobble missing from one of the legs, but both vendors and *emptors wear cunning expres*sions on their faces, and many of those who have been abroad even try haggling over the grot.

Personally I find haggling embarrassing though I admire other people who can do it suavely. One night a former boyfriend and I took an unlicensed taxi from the West End of London to Fulham Road. When we arrived the driver said: "Ten pounds, please," and my heart swelled with pride as my boyfriend handed him some *money saying*: "*Let's* call it seven".

I once tried haggling over a bag being sold in a shop in Fethiye, Turkey, but as I was explaining to the assistant: "I am really quite poor," *she threw my by replying*: "How much did your air fare cost to get here? You can't be that poor."

My father-in-law once haggled over the price of a pencil sharpener in a poncey artists' *suppliers shop* in Devon, but since the start of the recession the general rule in this country has been the more expensive the item, the more room for manoeuvre. With this in mind my husband and I hired a Bedford van and set off for Winchester to help the consumer-led recovery.

A friend with good taste had directed me to a certain *antique furniture emporium* and I had already reserved a small chesterfield sofa there. It would almost have fitted in the front seat of the hire van, so my husband said that to make his having hired the van in the first place worthwhile, it would be logical to buy a new dining-room table and other bulky items, "to make a payload".

I had already spotted a French mid 19th-century farmhouse table on my previous visit and it had a certain Gallic charm, though worm-ridden. My husband, aping the screen behaviour of Arthur Negus, crawled underneath to inspect for tell-tale signs of recent woodworm and, pushing the table from side to side, was able to demonstrate a *small wobble made worse by* his actions.

"It would need a lot of attention and some restoration," he pronounced to the Lovejoy who owned the shop. "This would have to be reflected in a substantial reduction on the asking price." The Lovejoy said he had already knocked it down by £85 to £700 in a preliminary telephone call which I had made to the shop and could go no further.

We told him we would think about it and would return for the small sofa before his closing time. We then visited two other emporia in the same street to compare prices.

A smart public-school chap in a double-breasted suit was standing *in the next shop we entered.* "Are you looking for an *important* table or just a furnishing table?" he inquired. "I don't think I can help you myself, though please do look around." Then he suggested: "I know a chap who actually imports French tables directly from France. Actually he's a really nice guy — shall I give him a bell? Perhaps he can help you."

We clustered into his office where he dialled a number, had a chat, then said: "Here! You can tell him *yourself exactly what you're looking* for," as he passed the phone to my husband who, to his horror, found himself talking to the original Lovejoy.

An hour had elapsed when just before closing time we returned to the French table and my husband continued to "worry" at the legs. Then Lovejoy said: "If I brought it down to £690 would it help you to make up your minds?"

"Yes!" said *my husband*. "I told you we could knock him down," he hissed. "Well, really," I protested. "Your time must be worth £10 an hour at least." But he wasn't *listening. He was grinning trium*phantly as he wrote out the cheque.

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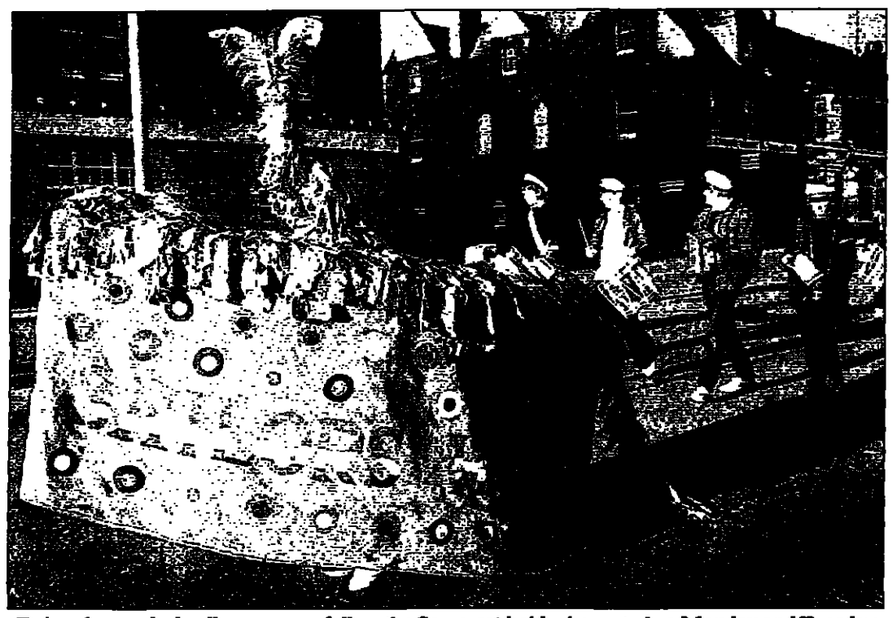
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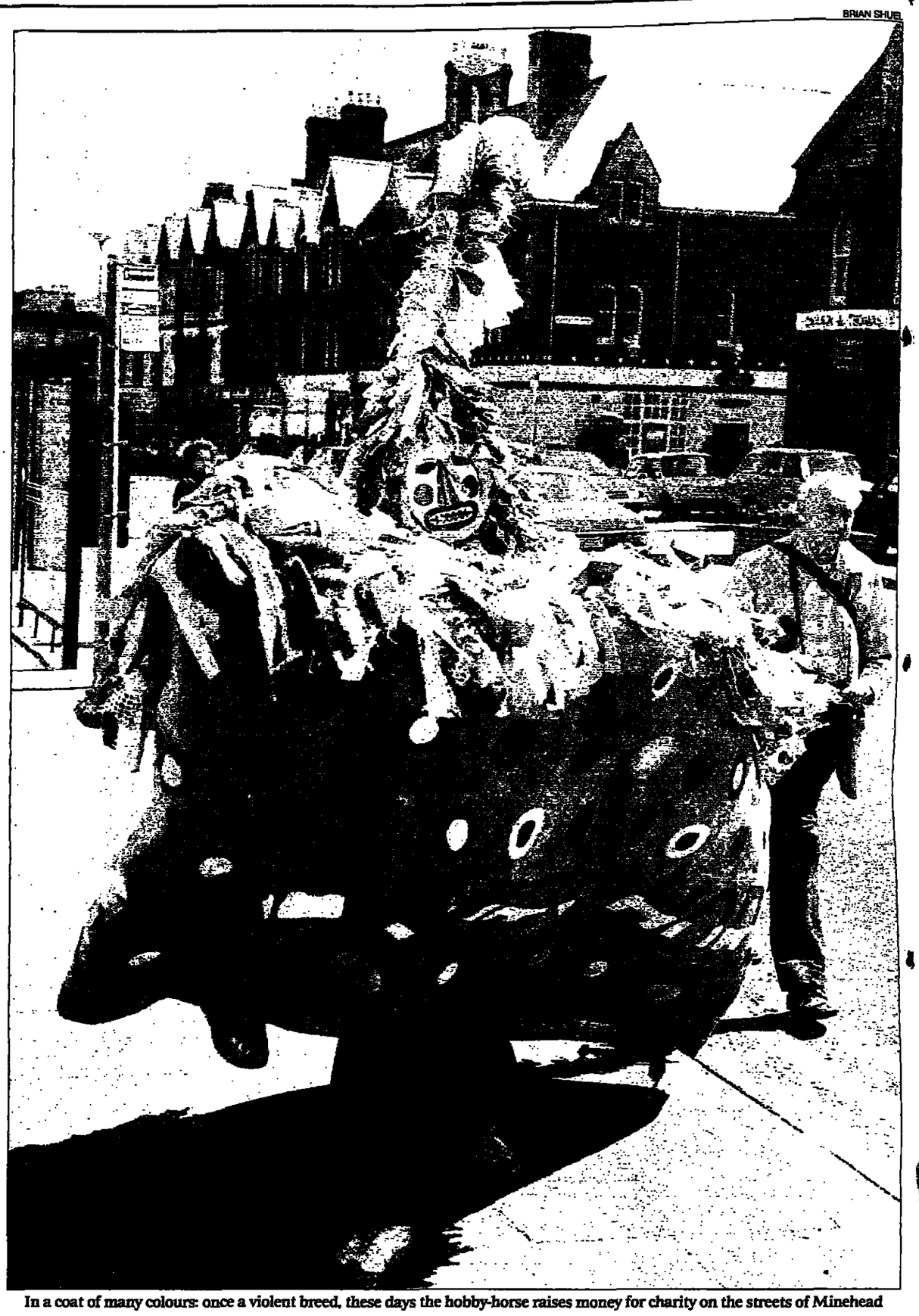
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Rogue horse becomes a dancing hero

The hobby-horse is an essential part of the May Day festivities in Minehead. **Derwent May** traces its colourful history



Doing the musical gallop: you can follow the Somerset hobby-horse today, Monday and Tuesday



BRIAN SHUEL

In a coat of many colours: once a violent breed, these days the hobby-horse raises money for charity on the streets of Minehead

The Minehead hobby-horse lived through a dark moment one May Day in the middle of the 19th century. As it pranced through the town, its attendants, or "Gullivers" — men in tall hats — asked the people they met for money, in keeping with old hobby-horse custom. Those who refused to give received a beating. But on this day, according to some Somerset historians, the Gullivers' attack was so ferocious they killed a man with their clubs. After that, it seems, the Gullivers were abolished, and no more references to them appeared in local papers — until quite recently.

The hobby-horse lived on, however, and dances through the Minehead streets again this weekend. It still frightens children, as it leaps at them with its villainous mask, but the money collected by it now goes to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

This 8ft-long creature is an amazing sight, with its body of sacking dotted with coloured roundels, its dangling ribbons, its mask trimmed with sheep's wool and crowned with a plume, and its rope tail — with a real cow's tail pinned to the end of it.

Under the sacking, the body is made of withy (willow) sticks from Sedgemoor, bound together with tarred ropes. The whole "horse" weighs nearly a hundredweight. A sturdy Minehead man carries it on his back — but he is one of a team, and they change round every 20 minutes or so.

The first reference to the Minehead hobby-horse is in some unpublished diaries of the Luttrell family, long the owners of Dunster Castle just outside the town. One of the Luttrells wrote that he had given money to the hobby-horse men when they visited the castle on May 1, 1793.

But hobby-horses had been a feature of the May Day festivities long before that. Accompanying the crowning of the Queen of the May, their habit of whipping girls with their long tail has suggested to some writers that the custom goes back to February's Roman festival of Lupercalia, when women were beaten in a bid to make them fertile.

Two places in Britain still enjoy regular appearances by the hobby-horse — Minehead and Padstow, Cornwall, where the "Oss Oss" is more of a witch doctor.

Known as the Sailors' Horse, the Minehead hobby-horse spends most of the year in a garage near the quay. Sailors, fishermen and lifeboatmen have always had charge of it, and the present custodian, John Leech, is a boat mechanic with the RNLI. He personally soaks and prepares the withy sticks each year when the horse needs mending and, like all the team associated with it, takes its annual outing very seriously.

The team appears on the evening of April 30, starting at the quayside pub, The Old Ship Aground, and parades round the town. A group of musicians — usually two drummers and three melodeon players — accompanies the horse, playing a strange, haunting tune that seems to mingle elements of "Old Joe" and "Five Minutes More". In some years, a few girls come along in folk costumes — but every year is different, because this is still very much a folk ritual. It continues, as all the team will tell you, simply because they want to keep the custom alive, and get intense pleasure out of doing so.

May Day is the most important day. On this sacred day, the hobby-horse team leaves The Old Ship Aground at 5am and goes up to an open space called Whitecross. At 6am the horse dances. Nowadays perhaps 50 people come out to watch it but, in earlier days, when Minehead was still a village, most of the inhabitants would be there.

Later in the day, the hobby-horse is out and about again around the town, and on the evening of May Day pays its traditional visit to Dunster Castle. A squire no longer comes to greet it — instead, in our modern way, the National Trust administrator comes out.

Two more days of festivities follow, but as this year May 2 is a Sunday, when by custom the hobby-horse is not allowed out, they will be Monday and Tuesday. On Monday evening, it will go to the Britannia Inn in the suburb of Alcombe. Finally, on Tuesday evening, it will parade along to the fields at Cher Steep, where the booting or bootie ceremony will be performed at about 7.30pm.

Some supposedly unfortunate girl will be held down and "booted" ten times by the top of the hobby-horse's head. Then she will have to dance with the hobby-horse, trying to avoid a lashing from his tail. Other girls sometimes join in.

Another hobby-horse may also be present — the Town Horse. This horse has been around since about 1905, and is obviously regarded with some suspicion and disfavour by the Sailors' Horse men. Its appearances are erratic, but it often comes on the last day. On this occasion, it is said, the two horses used to fight. But now, whatever the mutual antagonism, they are more likely to perform a dance with each other.

The Gullivers have reappeared, sporting red jackets and black trousers, but nowadays accompany the Town Horse.

The whole party says its farewell later that evening in the town square. A ghost from our pre-Christian past has cavorted and faded once more in the little streets of Minehead.

● **Where to see the Minehead hobby-horse this weekend:**
Today: 5am, The Old Ship Aground, The Quay; 6am, Whitecross; then around the town until 7pm, Dunster Castle, and then Dunster village.
Monday: 6pm, The Old Ship Aground, The Quay; 7pm, Britannia Inn, Alcombe.
Tuesday: 5.30pm, The Old Ship Aground, The Quay; 7.30pm Cher Steep; and farewell later in the evening in Wellington Square.

Lynne Greenwood goes with an eight-year-old on a visit to a hospital 'Saturday club' which allays children's fears of surgery

Backstage at the theatre of care





BARRY GREENWOOD

Nothing to fear: Richard Davenport is shown preparation procedure by a nurse and, right, Andrew Maunsell meets his surgeon, Mr Palmos Petros, in the operating theatre

For weeks before eight-year-old Andrew Maunsell was admitted to hospital for kidney surgery, he was frightened. He suffered nightmares about the operation, became withdrawn and was physically sick at school.

After days of anxious questioning, Andrew finally admitted his fears to his parents. They then accepted the open invitation from Booth Hall Children's Hospital in Manchester to visit its Saturday club, a pre-admission programme designed to help calm children's fears and misconceptions about hospitals.

Andrew, wearing his favourite Manchester United football shirt, arrived at the hospital's day unit holding on to his parents' hands, looking nervous and apprehensive. "I've been having nightmares," he said in a near-whisper to the play specialist, Tina Clegg. "I think I might wake up during the operation."

Andrew's mother, Jayne Maunsell, explained to out-of-uniform nurses that he had started waking up in the night, and her gentle questions had revealed his fears. Andrew had even asked his father, Anthony: "What if the doctors and nurses go for their dinner and forget about me?"

"As soon as he told me what the nightmares were about, I asked if we could come to the Saturday club," Mrs Maunsell says. The visit's highlight — not an inappropriate word, judging by Andrew's reactions — was a tour of an operating theatre and a chat across the table, under the glare of the lights, with a real live surgeon. Suddenly, what lay behind the swing doors leading from the anaesthetist's room was demystified.

The surgeon, Mr Petros Palmos, says: "Everyone is afraid of hospitals, and children especially so. If they come in advance and see the theatre not as it is during an operation, but with everything in order, and see us in our normal clothes, it removes some of the fear they have about us and about the procedures."

The Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham was the first paediatric unit to introduce a pre-admission programme, in 1982. Most hospitals were slow to follow its example, but although there are no statistics available, the health department says an increasing number now offer some form of preparation to children and their families for what research shows can be a traumatic time.

In the year ending April 1991, 1.2 million children under 15 were admitted to hospitals in England and Wales, for an average length of stay of four days.

Frances Binns, the play leader and co-ordinator at Booth Hall, which houses a regional burns unit, says: "The club is often a chance for parents to be reassured, and we have had mums cry at the release of tension." Brothers and sisters, all potential patients, can absorb something of the atmosphere, too.

Professor Alan Glasper, the vice-chairman of the Society of Paediatric Nursing, who has researched and evaluated pre-admission programmes, says: "We like to pretend that hospitals are all jelly and ice-cream, but in reality they mean pain, injections, a strange bed, a strange room, which all exacerbate the breakdown of family dynamics.

"Preparation is as much for the parents as the child, as parental anxiety is transmitted to a child like a highly infectious disease. It is very important to prepare the child and the family for what is likely to be a stressful procedure."

Joyce Davenport sat and watched while her son, Richard, six, listened enraptured to the story of Herbie Hedgehog, who became the world's first bald hedgehog when his spines fell out. At first, Herbie accepted the offer of stray feathers from a crow, but when the process of sticking them back in became too painful, he took his old spines to Dr Owl. He covered Herbie's back with a magic cream, waited for an hour, and replaced the spines without Herbie feeling a thing.

As Ms Clegg told the story to Booth Hall's Saturday children, illustrated with a glove puppet of Herbie, she rubbed the "magic cream" on the back of Richard's hand and covered it with a clear plaster, explaining that a nurse would follow the same procedure to anaesthetise his hand, to ensure any injection or "scratch" was painless.

All Saturday club children are encouraged to play with wooden tongue sticks, stethoscopes and face masks, and they are even given a play-pack including those items — and a certificate of attendance — when they leave.

Although all children are invited to attend the Saturday clubs the weekend before admission — and parents, siblings, even grandparents are encouraged to go along, too — attendances vary dramatically.

Hospitals are aware of the difficulties for some parents, who may have financial or transport constraints, and admit that most who do attend are those who are already aware of the value of preparation.

Professor Glasper would like to see the introduction of preparation when a child attends his or her first outpatient appointment, particularly to help those who find it difficult to return on a Saturday, and wants to see the extension of hospital outreach programmes in schools, nurseries and playgroups.

After a ten-day stay in hospital Andrew is now recovering from his successful three-hour operation, and his mother has no doubts about the success of the Saturday club. "After that morning, Andrew was much calmer. He said he felt better because he had seen where he was going and knew what would happen. Of course he was nervous when it came to the day for him to go in, but he coped with it really well."

● *Action for Sick Children, Argyle House, 29-31 Euston Rd, London NW1 2SD (071-833 2041). The charity's* Sammy Goes to Hospital *comic costs £1, including postage.*

Out of the heavens came an ominous bolt from Blue

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY



It has been one of those weeks when we seem to have been nervously looking over our shoulders, glancing to the skies and wondering where the fickle finger of fate is going to strike next. I fear it will be here.

My unease results from a report which said that the chances of the average person being struck by lightning have diminished greatly over the last 50 years because fewer people work on the land. So not as many poor souls are in a position to be struck these days.

None of this is any comfort to me. Most of my working days are spent grasping aged cast-iron implements connected by steel chains to horses. Since the weather forecasts have been full of nothing but hints of "thundery lows", you can imagine my unease. At the top of our farm stand the charred remains of three great oaks; all vestiges of life have been burnt from them, but they still stand as a gaunt reminder of the force of a bolt from the blue: that could be me up there, welded to my plough-handle. Think of that.

For comfort, I consulted the vintage farming tomes, in particular a pocket-book published in 1911 called *Weather Wisdom in Agriculture*. It tells me that "the Meteorological Office is prepared to despatch a telegraphic warning of the likelihood of any such disturbances". Fair enough, but by the time Mr McCaskill has tapped out a warning on his Morse key and the Post Office at this end has called in a boy scout to decode it, we would all be as crisp as a slice of overdone bacon.

It is said that animals can be harbingers of thunder, but I fear on this farm the message may become confused. For instance, cows are said to be reliable indicators of stormy weather ahead:

When a cow tries to scratch its ear,
It means a shower is very near.
When it clumps its side with its tail.
Look out for thunder, lightning and hail.

Not on this farm. That rather brassy cow of ours, Sage, swipes her tail on her flank in the same way that some old vamp will swing her handbag when the fleet's in. This is a signal to the rest of the cows to follow her over to the other side of the field in the hope that some hunky young bull might have appeared. As weather forecasts go, she is about as useful as a length of dead seaweed.



Trying to put all these worries behind me, I decided to throw myself into my work, and set to harrow the potato baulks.

The baulks are the long ridges beneath which the seed potatoes lie and from which will shortly sprout the green shoots of this year's crop. But until they do, the weeds are having a field day and if I did not drag them out with the spiky, curved baulk-harrow, they would become established. Never having done this before, I decided to use our steadiest horse, Blue. I often say of Blue that he is the sort of horse to whom I could say "stand still", go home for lunch and still find him in the same spot, thinking very slowly, when I returned. If they ever need a Suffolk Punch to work the slopes of Mount Etna, this is the animal: it could erupt and he would not flinch.

But this day, with the thunder rumbling around, things were different. We harrowed the entire field and had only one baulk left to do. I dropped the cord to adjust the harrows and for no reason that I can think of, Blue took a step forward of his own accord. I did not reach for the line to his bit: having shouted "whooah", I never believed he would move another inch. But he did. He was terrified. He charged forward, accelerated to a gallop and headed for home. Luckily he broke the iron chain that connected him to the harrows, otherwise they and the stable door would have eventually met and there could have been a very nasty accident.

I have since thought long and hard about what sent this most stable of horses into shock. I suspect Alice's growing, and admittedly rather odd-looking, black and white piglets. They were fenced into a field adjacent to the spuds, and Blue may not have spotted them as they rooted between the thick clumps of clover. Perhaps one piglet glanced up. Blue caught sight of it in the corner of his eye and panicked. Anyway, the horse is safe and unharmed. I even take some consolation from the fact that having had one bolt from Blue this season, I will not be struck again in the same place.

A short life in the day of a mayfly

Brian Clarke voices an angler's concern for one of his greatest allies

BRIAN CLARKE



Clinging to its brief life: mayflies like to shelter from the frost and sun under the leaves in hedgerows, but these are being uprooted for greater farming efficiency

Some time around the end of next week, one of the great remaining, softly fading phenomena of the British waterside will begin. Birds will swoop and peck; spiders will gorge their appalling fill; trout will roll and snatch and swallow. And then, suddenly, the carnival will be over: the aquatic mayfly *(Ephemera danica)*, elegant and threatened, will be gone again, for 12 months more, precisely.

The timing of the mayfly's appearance is a secret hidden from most people, mainly known only to those who live near our cleaner rivers and lakes, to anglers hunting the trout that the mayfly unwittingly invites to feed on it with abandon, and to hoteliers who own fishing rights and make a killing of another kind.

Many things about the mayfly are extraordinary, not least the contrast it offers to the creatures that most will recognise as flies. *Ephemera danica* is the largest of the *Ephemeroptera*, a family of aquatic insects of surprising beauty. Its slender body is an inch long and elegantly arched, it has three tails that can grow to two inches and more in the mature fly, and it carries huge wings high on its back; wings that are as clear and veined as chapel windows.

Mayflies appear on the same day or days on a given water, year in, year out, and then disappear on the same day or days a couple of weeks later. It is only because their appearance is staggered, occurring on some waters later than others, that the season extends to the month it does.

In most places the mayfly hatches sparsely, in others — especially in parts of Berkshire and Hampshire — it hatches with a density that deters conversation: on still evenings the flies catching in the hair, rustling in the ears, hanging from the angler's rod and even his line.

It is a brief existence. The mayfly nymphs live in tunnels in the river, lake or pond bed, then swim to the surface and hatch into winged flies that can neither eat nor drink. Partly to conserve their body fluid, partly to avoid hungry birds and crippling frosts, the insects roost above the ground, sheltering under the leaves of bankside hedgerows and trees.

A day or two after hatching, the flies shed another skin and are ready to mate. They take to the air as though at the throw of some environmental switch, the sperm males later falling, mainly over the water's bank, the mated females returning to the water for a collective laying of eggs and, eventually, their mass, communal deaths.

The exhausted flies can fall and carpet a lake from side to side, and turn whole reaches of river into a grey, winding slurry of frantically twitching bodies, arching tails and trembling wings trapped in the surface cloy.

The mayfly has never been a common insect. Mostly, it is concentrated on the chalk streams — even specific reaches of specific chalk streams — in the Home Counties and the south, with a sprinkling of strongholds to the west and the north of England. It thrives only in clean, oxygen-rich water and even there, for reasons unknown, its numbers rise and fall in eccentric cycles.

Alas, overall the numbers of the mayfly are falling, not rising. Little by little they are being inched back, losing ground to the pressures of the human environment, its needs and neglect. Over my own fishing lifetime, the mayfly has been reported in decline in parts of Wiltshire, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Dorset, Kent, Sussex, and even Berkshire and Hampshire, where the art of imitating insects for fly-fishing was developed 100 years ago.

The pressures are crude and subtle and collectively relentless. Over-abstraction of river water for domestic and industrial reasons sucks away the environment in which the mayfly lives. Land drainage schemes speed the remaining water to the sea and destroy habitat on the way. Insecticides and pollutants poison. Fertilisers used by farmers produce growths of algae that choke river and lake bed. Even the loss of hedgerows has taken an unforeseen toll.

The removal of hedgerows to make ever larger, easier-to-farm fields has cut the number of sheltered roosts available, exposing the soft-bodied creatures that cannot exist in the cutting frost and the dehydrating sun. The loss of natural windbreaks has unfettered the wind, causing many mayflies to be blown so far from the water that they cannot make it back. And so, fewer waters support the mayfly; fewer mayflies leave those waters that will; fewer mayflies that leave the water can return to produce offspring of their own.

It is an uneven loss, a slow loss and, in the scale of greater world happenings, a small loss, occurring mostly out of sight — and largely out of the context of our own lives. But a genuine loss it is. And just one thing more that, some day, we will have to explain to our children.

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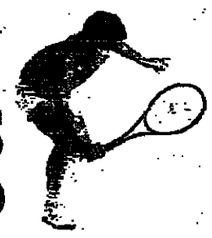
MAY DAY has been celebrated since ancient times to mark the coming of summer. May Day customs survived the arrival of Christianity in Britain and continued through the Middle Ages. The church in Leadenhall Street became known as St Andrew "Undershaft" because the maypole erected in front of the south door was taller than the church.

Abhorred as pagan by Protestant reformers, maypoles were banned by Parliament in 1644 as a "heathenish vanity, generally abused to superstition and wickedness". They thus came to symbolise opposition to Puritanism. So when Charles II was restored to the throne on May 29, 1660, the event was celebrated by putting up maypoles. The most famous of these was erected in the Strand, where it remained in use until 1717, when Sir Isaac Newton is supposed to have taken it for a stand to support a reflecting telescope. Rev James Bramston remembered it 22 years later in *The Art of Politicks*:

What's not destroyed by Time's devouring hand?
Where's Troy, and where's the Maypole in the Strand?

In decline by the mid-19th century, May Day celebrations were revived and sanitised by the Victorians. They were further modified in the 20th century when May 1 was chosen as Labour Day. Instead of maypoles, trade union banners were raised. But in some parts of the country, the maypole is still a symbol of celebration. At Barwick-in-Elmet, a village between Leeds and York, maypoles have been raised, although not always in May, since pagan times. For details, contact Derick Nichols at Barwick on 0532 813085.

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Feather report

Nights of soaring song

Nightingales are rarer than they used to be: as Richard Mabey says in his new book about the great nocturnal songster, "the national population has plummeted from tens of thousands of pairs in the 1950s to probably no more than 2,000 pairs in the 1990s".

Yet again, in these last couple of weeks, they have been coming in from Africa. In Kent, you may see a very russety bird flit low, like a robin, across the road in front of you, and then hear a burst of the amazing song from the spinney it flew into. In Suffolk, on the common above Minsmere, you may hear four or five all singing together from the depths of the blackthorn — and then see yet another singing and swaying on the top of a gorse bush.

Nightingales sing all day, as well as for much of the night. The night song will be heard mainly in the next two weeks, when the males are trying to attract a mate.

It has two supreme phrases: the deep, throbbing "jug-jug-jug-jug-jug" and the ravishing crescendo, louder and fuller with every note, "piu-piu-piu-piu-piu".

In between, there is a turbulent medley of croaks, trills and sweet liquid notes that is suddenly left behind as the bird's voice modulates into one of the classic passages. In the silence of the night it can be heard half a mile away.

Nightingales are members of the thrush family, like robins, and they have some of the robin's ways. Their plumage is simpler — russet brown above, chestnut at the base of the tail, paler beneath — but they sit on a low twig and study the ground below with their head cocked, just like a robin. Then they drop down to the ground to feed, on ants, spiders and beetles.



Jacques

Rare music: nightingales have returned to our coppices

Few people have seen them doing this, since much of their life goes on deep among the undergrowth. Their nests, too, are well hidden in the bottom of bushes — bulky nests, usually with a foundation of oak leaves, where, eventually, there will be four or five olive-brown or olive-green eggs.

Tennyson, in one of his poems, says "*the music of the moon/Sleeps in the plain eggs of the nightingale*". The female nightingale incubates the eggs alone, while the male goes on singing. But once the eggs have hatched he helps her feed the nestlings, and the song is not heard much more.

Both the parents feed the young birds in the nest, and when the young fly, they often break up into two groups, one of them in the care of the male and the other in the care of the female. These fledglings are like young robins, very mottled and spotty, except that like their parents they have chestnut tails. Song is over by this stage, usually some time in June, but the adult nightingales are still very noisy, warning their offspring of any danger with harsh churring notes. However, as the early 19th-century poet John Clare said in *The Nightingale's Nest*, which gives a very accurate account of nightingale behaviour, "the old prickly thorn bush guards them well".

In Britain, nightingales usually have only one brood. Like the cuckoo, they are on the move by July. By the end of August they have crossed the Sahara desert and are singing again on the borders of the African rain forests.

In eastern Europe, a closely related species called the thrush-nightingale sings a similar song in town parks, and schoolchildren and students are distracted by the loud music as they prepare for their summer examinations.

However, in Britain, reports of city nightingales shattering the silence in the early hours of the morning are, I am sorry to say, usually wrong. While you may hear birds singing in the night in city centres, particularly where the lamps are bright, they are almost invariably robins or wrens, or songthrushes anticipating the dawn.

Other summer migrants with fine songs have also been flocking into Britain in the last days of April. Tree pipits are back: they haunt the edges of woods, where they fly up from a branch, then drop down singing on fluttering wings as though they were living parachutes. Whitethroats in the hedges and sedge warblers along ditchsides also throw themselves into the sky, then come down singing excitedly.

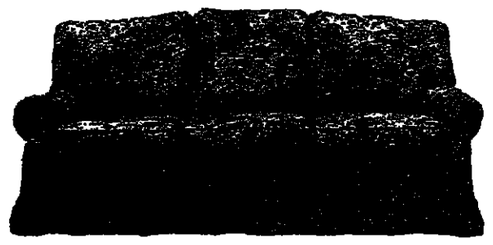
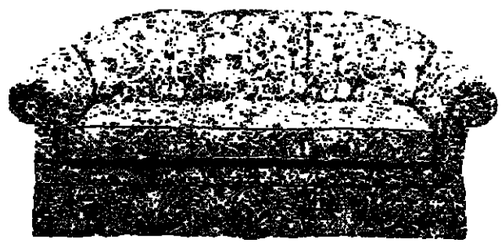
All of them are male birds who are trying to attract mates, and at the same time warn off other males.

But the nightingale has no need of such antics. It can sit in the darkness of a bush, or the blackness of the night, and let its song do all the work that the spring requires.

DERWENT MAY

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ROBIN YOUNG

Fiona Beckett finds out how a woman buyer copes with the meaty male world of Smithfield market

The blonde and the bummarees

TIM BISHOP



Hooked on trading: a well-known Smithfield man's recommendation opened a few doors, Christine Edwards says — "and I was belligerent enough to open the rest"

Six-thirty in the morning at Smithfield market, and Chris Edwards and her porter, Billy, are having a fight. "Don't worry your head about it love — you're only a woman," says Billy, skipping nimbly out of the way as Mrs Edwards goes for him.

Knockabout is all part of the routine at Smithfield, a larger-than-life slice of east London where the language is bluer than an underdone steak. As one of the very few women meat buyers, Mrs Edwards is well-known in the market. With her long blonde hair tied back in a pony-tail, she looks more like a Sixties folk-singer than a butcher and mother of three. She first started buying in the market six years ago, when she set up a business that now supplies meat and poultry to such top East Anglian restaurants as Hintlesham Hall and the Fox and Goose.

Breaking into the enclosed Smithfield community was not easy. "I knew someone who'd traded down here for years and, because he vouched for me, it opened one or two doors," she says. "I was belligerent enough to open the rest."

Her achievement was the more remarkable because she had no direct experience of the meat trade. Two years previously she and her husband, Guy, had given up work to travel round the world with their three small children. She admits that, to begin with, being a woman on the market was difficult. "It was hard to be taken seriously. Everyone thought it was a joke. I just ignored them and pressed on. Nowadays they don't care — I'm just a person. Except they probably wouldn't cuddle a man as much as they cuddle me. Well, most of them wouldn't."

It was trickier to learn to operate within Smithfield's unwritten rules. Buyers are not supposed to deal with more than one supplier for the same type of meat, and certainly should not go to alternative sources outside the market. You have to use the right person for the right job. While a "puller back" will unload the meat when it arrives, and a "pitcher" will carry it into the market, you must call on the "bummarees" — self-employed porters like Billy — to load it into your van.

Buying is not, as you might expect, a question of wandering round the market to size up the best buys of the day, but of negotiating a good deal with your regular suppliers. "You should never look pleased with anything," Mrs Edwards says. "My object is to get a price as low as I can, so I can make even a few pennies more."

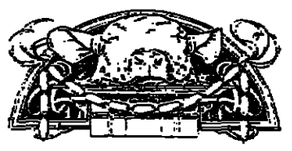
Sometimes she finds prices are cheaper in her local supermarket. "Supermarkets do these crazy offers on chicken. I sometimes pay more here than I would do locally, but then I can't pull up my truck at a supermarket and pick up 18 cases of identically-sized birds."

Getting up at 2.15am three times a week can be tough, particularly in winter. "Of course I don't like the cold, but you get hardened to it. It's a long day, though. It can be hard when you get to 6pm and someone needs a lift to a music lesson."

There has been a market on this site for 800 years, and the present building was established in 1868, but Smithfield's acceptance of women traders is all part of a rapidly accelerating process of change. New hygiene regulations due to be enforced by 1996 will undoubtedly change its character still further. And there is talk of finding a new site.

Even as a newcomer, Mrs Edwards regrets the prospect. "It's certainly not going to be the lovely place it is now. What matters is how the regulations affect the bummarees — they're the ones who create all the atmosphere."

●Chris Edwards sells direct from Shop 17, Maidenhall Green, Ipswich (0473 213301); open 9am-5pm Monday-Friday, 9am-12.30pm Saturday.



THIS recipe comes from Ruth Watson of the Fox and Goose at Fressingfield.

Rump of lamb with broad bean sauce
(serves 4)

- 2 rumps of lamb (end of saddle), boned and divided to give four portions
- 3 cloves of garlic
- 4-5 sprigs rosemary
- approx 10fl oz groundnut oil
- 8oz fresh or frozen broad beans

Combine crushed garlic, rosemary and oil, and marinade lamb in it for 24 hours, turning occasionally. Cook beans in lightly salted water, drain, refresh and remove skins.

For the sauce

- 3 shallots, very finely chopped
- 3 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 2fl oz white wine
- 15fl oz double cream
- approx 12fl oz lamb or chicken stock
- 1 tbsp olive oil

Sweat the shallots and garlic over a low heat in the olive oil until soft and transparent. Add the wine, raise the heat and bubble for a few seconds. Add the stock and reduce slowly for about 45 minutes, until there are only a few tablespoons of liquid left. Add the cream and heat until it thickens slightly. Add the rosemary and leave to infuse for half an hour off the heat. Pass through a fine sieve to create a smooth sauce.

Cooking the lamb: remove the lamb from the marinade, blot and grill under a high heat for about 12-15 minutes. Leave to rest. Add beans to the sauce and bring it back to the boil. Slice each rump into approximately six diagonal slices. Serve the lamb piled on to the bean sauce.

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Taste storm in a teacup

Tea has been prized since it was imported from the Orient in tea clippers during the 17th century. In the early days it was so valuable that the lady of the house would entrust its care to nobody else — servants had access to the silver and porcelain, but only she kept the key to the tea caddy.

Today, according to Iiltyd Lewis, executive director of the Tea Council, tea accounts for 43 per cent of everything (except water) that we drink in the UK, and four out of five Britons drink tea every day.

Every type of tea comes from one species, *Camellia sinensis*, cultivated in China from time immemorial; the black and green varieties are produced by different treatment of the same leaf. Tea is always grown at high altitude, but flavour varies according to the soil and climate.

Only the tender green shoots are plucked. These are laid out in trays to wither, then chopped to release their juices. Under controlled temperatures, they oxidise and turn brown. Skilful harvesting and fermentation produce a diversity of quality and flavour.

Most tea drunk in Britain is made from a blend of leaves. An average teabag contains 20 to 30 different teas, to ensure the taste is consistent. One of the most popular teas in this country, Earl Grey, is a blend of China teas to which bergamot oil has been added.

The traditional English Breakfast Tea recipe contains 40 per cent Assam, prized for its strength; 30 per cent Ceylon, valued for its flavour; and 30 per cent Kenyan, renowned for its fresh-tasting briskness and its colour.

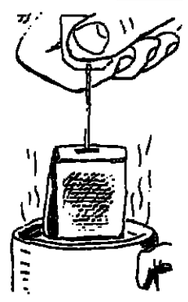
The tiny particles of an average mass market tea bag are not necessarily inferior. Tea must be chopped finely enough to fit inside the bag and the bag must brew instantly — the smaller the tea particles, the faster the flavour infuses. However, this "quick-liquoring process" also brings out the tannin.

Those who favour teabags tend to add milk and sugar to counter the bitterness, thus masking any subtle flavours. If you like a strong brew that's not bitter, there are strong, flavoursome teas in loose-leaf, or quality, bags.

For many years British tea-drinkers fell into two camps: "India" or "China". Now, variety is burgeoning. "People no longer think tea has to be strong and black," says Paula MacGibbon of the Tea House in London's Covent Garden. "There seems to be a move towards lighter teas, such as oolongs (semi-fermented types), Darjeelings and Japanese green teas."

FOOD SPY

A toast to Britain's cuppa



The level of caffeine in tea is hotly debated. A Consumers' Association report claimed that a cup of strong tea can contain about 100mg of caffeine. Lightly brewed leaf-tea may be nearer 20-30mg per cup. So tea is an effective pick-me-up.

Medical opinion holds that you would need to drink about eight to ten cups of tea a day before feeling harmful caffeine effects, such as anxiety, migraine, trembling and insomnia. However, Dr Alan Stewart, a nutrition expert and author of *The Vitality Diet*, describes tea as "one of the social poisons" because of its caffeine and tannin content and its tendency to slow down the rate of digestion.

The tannin in tea, which accounts for its astringency, is also controversial. Mr Lewis says tannin "has no harmful effect on humans". Dr Stewart claims, however, that tannin blocks the absorption of iron from vegetables and iron supplements. "This is especially a problem for growing children, menstruating women and vegetarians."

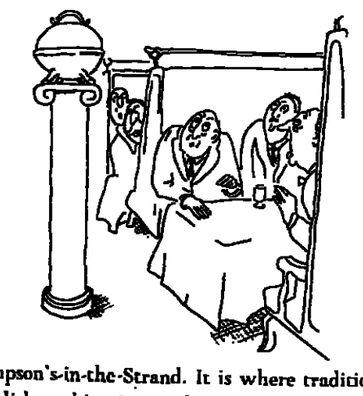
The brewing process stirs strong passions.

"The Chinese think the optimum temperature for tea is when the water makes crab's eyes — when it's just at boiling point and pinging, before the oxygen has not been boiled out of the water," says a spokesman from Whittard, the tea and coffee specialist. The Japanese believe that heat scorches the tea, and favour boiled water that has cooled to about 80C.

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Life's a picnic, in or out

Frances Bissell hedges her weather bets with a movable May Day feast



WHILE we still have our May Day holiday, I am going to celebrate it with a picnic. But, because of our changeable weather, I have made the menu a flexible one. The fish recipe can be eaten just as happily at home, fresh from the oven. The dish is, nevertheless, an extremely good one when served cold or at room temperature. The couscous stuffing keeps the fish moist and the herbs, lemon and tomatoes give it plenty of flavour.

The stuffing recipe is also good for a large fish such as a baked wild salmon or sea trout.

If you are not in the mood for fish, stuff quails with the mixture for easily portable picnic food, or a free-range fowl if you eat at home.

The "sandwiches" are versatile, too. They will do duty as substantial lunch-box fillers, as well as for the picnic hamper. At home, I alternate a *ciabatta* sandwich with a bowl of vegetable soup or plate of pasta for a quick and appetising weekday lunch.

The idea for these large sandwiches comes from Malta, where the *ftira* — a flattish, round loaf — is split, slightly hollowed out and filled with tomatoes and garlic. Its shape lends itself to being cut into wedges.

In Britain, the ideal loaf is the *ciabatta*, which you can buy or make (see Weekend, March 13 for the recipe). It is split, filled generously, tightly wrapped and cut when required. Each loaf will make four sandwiches. Allow three to four loaves for six people, and fill each one with something different.

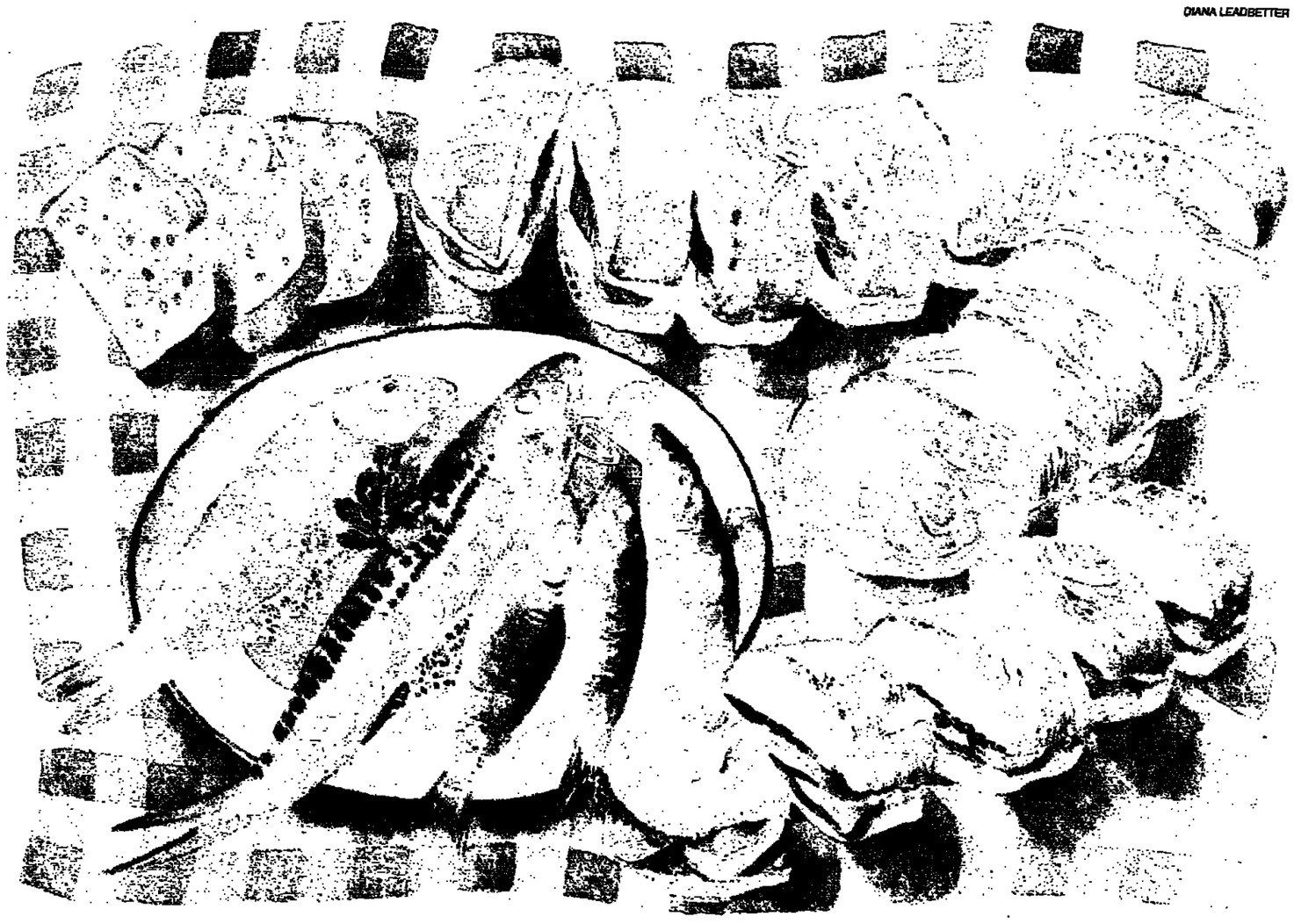
My suggestions are not necessarily traditional sandwich fillings and can be used in other ways. The smoked haddock tartare, for example, I serve as an appetiser, a small mouthful in a chicory leaf or in a Chinese soup spoon. The grilled vegetables can be served as a starter with plenty of garlic and fruity olive oil. Sliced avocados, tomatoes and mozzarella make an agreeable light lunch dish.

Should the picnic be rained off, simply put the bread and the fillings on the table at home and let people make up their own sandwiches. Alternatively, serve just one of the fillings, as a starter, with accompanying bread. The omelettes, for example, can be made with one egg; before rolling, put a spoonful of ricotta or cream cheese in the middle. Then serve the stuffed fish or quail, some cheese and salad, and then the cake.

To drink with picnic food, I am tempted to suggest the obvious rosé, but it is rarely as good as when you drink it in its region of production. A couple of exceptions are the pricey Domaine Ott, from Provence, and the very good value Spanish rosada from Navarra. But if when you are eating this food it is as cold as it is at the time of writing about it, you will probably want a red wine; I suggest a côtes du Rhône villages.

The best salad for a picnic is the iceberg lettuce, trimmed of its outer leaves and stalk base, and carried whole in a plastic bag in the cool box. Break off leaves as you want them. A tightly sealed bowl of vinaigrette can be taken along to dip the leaves into.

DIANA LEADBETTER



THE LOAVES

(allow half to two-thirds ciabatta per person)

Split the loaf horizontally, remove a little crumb, if necessary, and fill with one of the combinations listed below. Sandwich together, wrap tightly in foil and divide once you get to the picnic. A bread knife and board will come in handy.

Roast beef with tomato and horseradish butter

First, make the horseradish butter by softening 3-4oz/85-110g butter. Roughly chop 4-5 pieces dried tomato (soak and dry first if tough). Finely chop by hand and mix with the butter and some grated horseradish or horseradish cream, or mix the whole thing in the food processor. Spread both halves of the bread with this mixture, and then pile on thin slices of rare, juicy roast beef.

Smoked haddock and dill tartare

Take about ½lb/230g undyed smoked haddock. Skin it and remove any bones. Chop into chunks and put in the food processor with some sprigs of dill and chopped spring onion. Process briefly with a couple of tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil until just amalgamated, but before you have a paste. Brush olive oil on both sides of the bread. Heap on the smoked haddock filling and top with lettuce leaves before sandwiching together.

Grilled red pepper and aubergine with tapenade

Quarter some red peppers and remove the seeds. Slice an aubergine lengthways. Arrange the vegetables on a baking tray, brush with olive oil, and roast in a hot oven until tender. Skin the peppers. Spread tapenade over both halves of the bread, arrange the vegetables on top, and sprinkle with olive oil and coarse sea salt before sandwiching together. To make your own tapenade, take capers, the provençal name for which is *tapéno*, stoned black olives, anchovies, seasoning and olive oil, and blend to a paste.

Avocado with mozzarella and tomato

Mash a ripe avocado with a little lemon juice, salt and pepper. Snip in some chives or basil, and spread on both sides of the bread. Thinly slice firm, ripe tomatoes and mozzarella cheese, and pile on to the bread.

Watercress omelette

Rinse and dry a bunch of watercress, and chop the leaves. Beat two eggs and mix in half the watercress. Make an omelette, fold in two and slice on to a plate. Repeat with two more eggs and the remaining watercress.

Butter the split loaf, season the omelettes and place between the two halves of bread. This is very good, too, when the omelettes are made with mixed, fresh herbs, such as chervil, tarragon and parsley. Ham, chicken, mushrooms or peas can be used in place of the greenery, if you want a more substantial filling.

THE FISHES

Baked fish stuffed with couscous and mint

(serves 6)

- 6 red mullet or 6 small mackerel or 6 small rainbow trout, or 12 sardines
- extra virgin olive oil
- ½lb/230g coarse couscous
- ¼pt/140ml tepid water
- 1 bunch fresh mint
- 1 bunch spring onions, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 10 olives, green or black, stoned and chopped
- 3 ripe, firm tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1 lemon
- salt, pepper

The fish you choose should be gutted and have the backbone removed — the head too, if you prefer. Red mullet and sardines should be scaled first, and the sharp fins cut off the red mullet. Rinse the fish inside and out. Pat dry with paper towels and season lightly inside and out. Put the couscous in a bowl, and stir in the tepid water, which will quickly be absorbed. Rub the couscous between the fingers to separate the "grains". Chop the mint leaves and mix these, the spring onions, olives and tomatoes into the couscous. Remove the lemon zest in a thin layer, finely chop, and stir into the couscous, together with enough lemon juice, salt and pepper to season. Add two to three tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil. Spoon the filling into the fish and close with cocktail sticks.

Oil individual foil squares or an ovenproof dish, and wrap each fish or place in the dish. Cover the dish, or place the foil parcels on a baking tray, and bake for 20-25 minutes in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4. Remove from the oven and allow to cool.

Polenta and cherry cake

- ½lb/230g unsalted butter
- 6oz/170g caster sugar
- 6oz/170g "instant" polenta
- ¼lb/110g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- pinch of salt
- 3 size 3 free-range eggs
- ¼lb/110g undyed crystallised cherries, chopped
- scant ¼pt/140ml milk
- 1-2tbsp kirsch (optional)

Line a 2lb loaf tin with two or three layers of greaseproof paper and butter the top layer. Heat the oven to 180C/350F, gas mark 4.

Soften the butter and beat to a cream. Add the sugar and cream together thoroughly. Sift together the flours, baking powder and salt. Add the eggs to the creamed butter and sugar, one at a time, alternating with a tablespoon of flour. Mix in the milk and kirsch until you have a smooth cake batter. Pour into the prepared loaf tin and bake for about an hour, or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. Allow to cool slightly in the tin before turning out on to a rack to finish cooling. When completely cold, slice, then reassemble, and wrap for the picnic.

How to create a wine cellar

SIMPLE CELLARAGE

Jane MacQuitty begins her step by step guide: first find your space and take its temperature

PATRICK EAGER



Racks of pleasure: bottles must be stored horizontally to keep wine and cork in contact

Bringing out from your own wine cellar a special bottle that you have been maturing for months, or even years, is a peculiarly satisfying act.

Even ordinary bottles can be improved by being rested quietly after a bumpy ride home. Armed with a decent cellar, you need never again run out of wine, or serve the wrong bottle with your best dish. Having a cellar will also put a stop to those last-minute raids on the off-licence for a pricey, poorly-kept wine.

Every wine drinker should have a cellar, even if it consists of just a case or two stored under the stairs. Buying now for future pleasure and enjoyment is not the impossibly costly and complicated procedure that the more stuffy wine merchants would have us believe. With determination, some pre-planning, and an initial outlay of as little as £100, you could be drinking better — and cheaper — in well under a year.

Investors should note, however: *saving* money is very different from *making* it. In the 1970s, it was still possible to finance a cellar entirely by selling off your surplus cases when these became mature. However, it will be many years before this kind of "self-financing cellar" is viable again.

Most wine drinkers are put off cellaring wine because they do not have a cellar. Rule 1 in the simple cellarage game is that everyone can play, and you do not need a cellar to begin — I began by keeping wine in a disused broom cupboard. Conventional wine storage spots include the garage, a garden shed or an outhouse, but other useful hidey-holes include: under the bed, in disused cupboards, bookshelves or fireplaces, under the stairs, and even in the space between ceiling and picture rail, if you have room height to spare.

THE next step is to make sure that your chosen cellar space is one of the coolest in your home. A thermometer is all you need to find out, and compare several likely spaces. Ideally your coolest location will also be the one with the most constant temperature, as wine especially dislikes changes in temperature.

If this is beginning to sound impossibly difficult, take heart. I used to live in a centrally heated flat, and most of my good, ordinary cellarage wines were stored, without ill-effect, in a broom cupboard by an outside wall. In hot summers the temperature here rose close to 68F, but in winter it did not go much below 60F. Purists maintain that 50F is the optimum wine storage temperature and nothing else will do: that is rubbish.

Provided you avoid not much more than a ten-degree difference between winter and summer temperatures, you can cellar wines up to 70F, and as low as 45F. At the upper end of the scale, all that happens is that your wines will mature more quickly than at cooler temperatures — but then many drinkers broach bottles before they really should, as they cannot wait.

Having found your coolest, most constant spare space, make certain that the bottles you store there are, in addition, kept away from light, heat and vibration. The former can be easily achieved by covering the boxes in blankets, which will also help to keep out heat. Excess vibration may harm wine, but unless you intend to cellar wines in your car boot it is hard to see how it could be applicable, unless your home is sited next door to a lift shaft, or above the tube.

The kitchen, though, is definitely out: not only is this room too hot, but cooking odours could permeate the corks.

THE same prohibition goes for very damp, musty cellars or basements. Wine is at its best when allowed to mature in cool, dry surroundings.

One cellar rule that must be followed — indeed, it is the whole point of cellaring wine — is that you *must* store bottles horizontally. This ensures that the cork stays in contact with the wine and remains springy and wet, thereby continuing to create a perfect seal. If you store wine bottles upright, the cork will soon dry out, letting in air, wine's worst enemy. (Avoid storing cheap bottles that do not have a cork.)

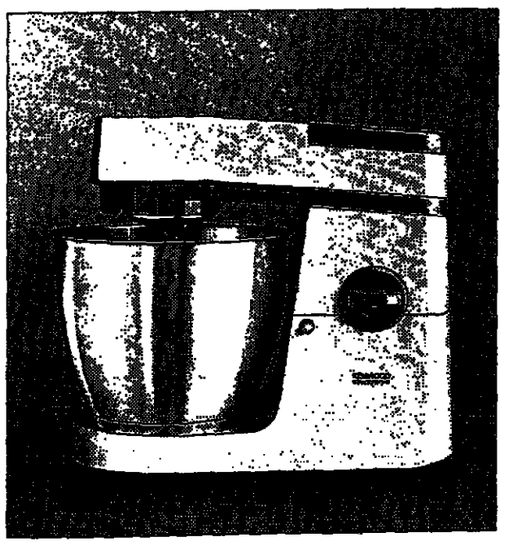
Having acquired your cellar, the next stage in planning the perfect one is to fill it with wine. To do that successfully, you will need bins and other cellar equipment, of which more next week.

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- **1978 Le Montrachet**, Domaine de la Romanée Conti, white burgundy, 28 bottles
- **1959 Romanée Conti**, red burgundy, Domaine de la Romanée Conti, 17 bottles
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RANDA BISHOP

Games people play: onboard activities, such as deck sports, are usually varied and plentiful on most cruises, except on the smallest of ships

Masefield did not have modern cruise ships in mind when he wrote *Sea Fever*. If you want the "vagrant gypsy life", to feel "the wheel's kick" and the "wind's song", then you must travel under sail.

The pukka sailors I know would not want a cruise holiday. Cruise types are a different species. They would not appreciate the physical challenges of sailing: they want to be passengers in every sense, to be pampered and cosseted. They walk up the gangplank to a world of comfort, entertainment, and an abundance of service as well as food.

Having afforded the fare, they do not have to spend much more. Once aboard, their cares are behind them for as long as they sail. They are in the floating hotel of their choice, and will step ashore only to visit places they want to see. Those who have tried cruising normally go back.

If you have toyed with the idea of a cruise, and are still hesitant, you may imagine being trapped for a week inside a floating bingo palace. Fear not. On the larger ships there are many quiet areas in which to escape crowds.

If you really want privacy, then you should choose one of the smaller ships, something no more than 290ft long with only about 50 passengers: on such a vessel there will be no



cabaret, no palm court, no casino — just a piano, perhaps, a reading room, and tenders to take you off to the little islands.

Of course, most people who go cruising do not want to be alone. They make friendships that can last a lifetime, and meeting people is part of their pleasure. The bigger ships can carry more than 1,000 passengers, and there may be eight or more decks on which to meet people — or avoid them.

But I cannot believe that all the joggers on the main deck, carefully counting their laps, are really trying to escape from the others. There is a great fad for sport and fitness on the bigger ships. Everyone, young and old, seems bent on self-preservation, going off to the gym, swimming in the pools, practising golf or playing short tennis. Some, of course, just do not want to know. The women go off to the spa for their facials, men to their massages and sauna.

Bridge is the boom pastime. When I first went cruising, there would be a small room full of people for the beginners' lessons and a similar number for the advanced players. Not now. Bridge lessons draw crowds, and a small room is no longer big enough. If he were alive today, Cornelius Vanderbilt, the American multi-millionaire, would be gratified to know that every day on the seas thousands of people are playing the contract version of bridge he devised while crossing the Atlantic.

When the big ships are at sea, there is a flurry of activities and entertainment which seem desperately programmed to cater for every taste: gambling in the casinos, deck tournaments, two cabaret shows a night, movies afternoon and evening, jazz and concert piano, dancing . . .

Food and drink is available, around the clock, either in the ritzy dining rooms and tea salons or out on deck. It still amuses to see people eating generous helpings of profiteroles or ice-cream while putting sweetener in their decaff. If you want to lose weight, cruising is an extreme test of will.

As the ship ploughs on beyond sight of land, the passengers who prefer their own company look peacefully out from quiet areas of the deck, content to watch the fishes fly, or the dolphins race in the wake. Depending on your route, if you are lucky, a whale may blow.

The books that people bought on land and never had time to read at home are enjoyed, at last, in the ship's saloons or sheltered corners of the deck. While the warm sea slips by at 15 knots and the ship heads for romantic places, the encyclopaedias in the library are quietly browsed by those who still hunger for knowledge.

In the lecture theatre an audience gathers for a talk on explorers, maritime history, opera or whatever. The maiden voyagers on every cruise seem keenest to reach the ports of call: the veterans are happy to be at sea. They do not seem



to care if the ship sails on forever. Insulated from gloomy news at home, they are happy in their floating time warp.

But for those who want to see land as well as sea, there are new cruises that offer both in almost equal measure. You can, for example, sail from the Seychelles through the smaller islands in the Indian Ocean, and disembark in Africa for safari in the Masai Mara. Remember, the smaller ships can get into the quieter coves that the bigger ships cannot reach.

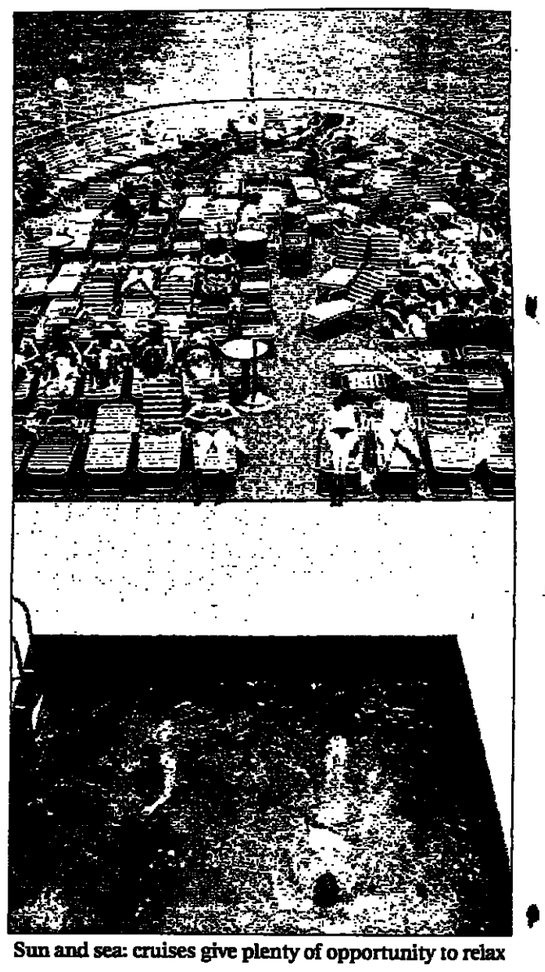
Gone are the days of the segregated ships: rich in first class, the rest elsewhere. The only difference now is in the staterooms: cheaper below, dearer above, as high as the luxurious penthouses with private verandah, separate sitting room and butler service round the clock. Verandahs are spreading to most staterooms above the main deck in the newer ships.

Many people book a cruise for the winter to escape to the warmth of the south. The big cruise ships ceaselessly circumnavigate the globe, and those who cannot afford to go all the way can settle for part of the voyage, flying out to join the ship where they want to be. Fly-cruising can save time and money, especially if you want to reach faraway places: the Galapagos Islands; from Tahiti through Polynesiaon Bligh's route; or following Cook's search for Australia to the Whitsun Islands via the Great Barrier Reef.

Such voyages are the stuff of dreams.

On and off, I have been cruising for more than 20 years, but funnily enough, I've never encountered the fabled American passenger known only as Rose Marie who, I'm told, has been cruising continuously throughout that time. Apparently she favours Royal Viking Line, whose captain of the *Sun* starts his party: "Welcome aboard, dear passengers, and special greetings to Rose Marie."

The cruise specialist, Paul Mundy, tells me that if, like Rose Marie, you would like to take your own hotel with you around the world *ad infinitum*, he will be pleased to negotiate an annual rate for you, depending on your choice of ship, of about $200,000. Otherwise, there's always the Channel ferry.



Sun and sea: cruises give plenty of opportunity to relax

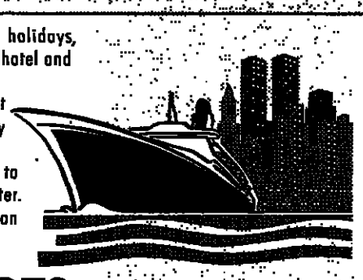
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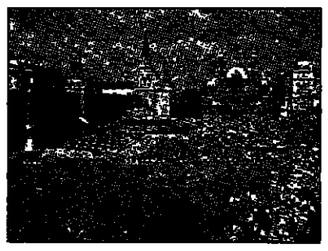
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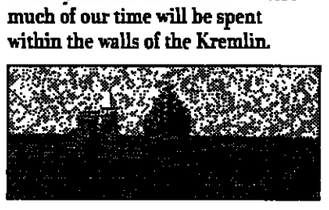
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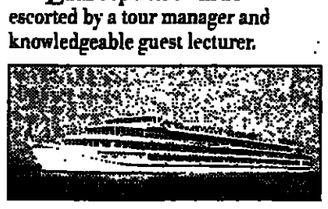


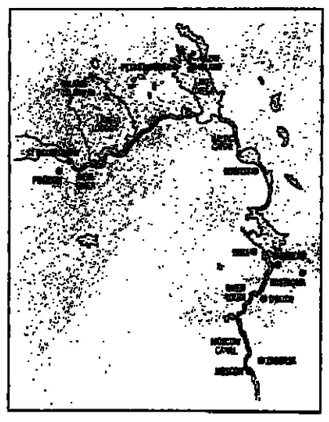
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Dec 8	Cape Town		6.00pm
Dec 9-11	Cruise South Atlantic		
Dec 12	Tristan da Cunha	7.00am	6.00pm
Dec 13-15	Cruise South Atlantic Ocean		
Dec 16	Grytviken, South Georgia	7.00am	6.00pm
Dec 17	Bay of Isles, South Georgia	7.00am	6.00pm
Dec 18	Elsehul, South Georgia	6.00am	1.00pm
Dec 19	Cruise Scotia Sea		
Dec 20	Signy & Coronation Islands, South Orkneys	6.00am	2.00pm
Dec 21	Powell Island		
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Port of call: "passengers filled the narrow streets in San Juan's old town of fortresses, ruined walls and beautifully renovated colonial Spanish architecture" on Puerto Rico, where rum, gold and diamonds are top of shopping lists

In the wake of a dream

No wonder the Caribbean is a favourite destination of British cruisers, when they can spend a week swanning round the islands in mega-ship luxury and still get change from £1,000.

The "Tropical Delight" fly-cruise package I enjoyed on board *Regal Princess* included impressive accommodation, elegant surroundings, constant food and entertainment, *two full ultra-tanning days at* sea, and four ports of call — all in a nine-night itinerary.

First stop was a night in Miami's swish Sofitel hotel. Aboard the bus which dispatched us to the ship in Fort Lauderdale were mainly middle-class fortysomething couples — *forget the blue-rinse* image of British cruise passengers: these days, 40 per cent of the clientèle of *Regal Princess* and her identical sister ship, *Crown Princess*, are aged under 45, and 50 per cent are *first-time* cruisers.

There was a stunned silence as the 70,000-ton *Regal Princess* loomed 160ft high and mighty, dwarfing everything in sight. Her exterior of blunt stern and bulging bridge may look ungainly, but her interior is remarkable for its spaciousness and understated elegance.

The *million-dollar contemporary* art collection (including a Hockney) on display throughout the ship complements the soft colours, light woods and polished metals that dominate the décor.

My stateroom had all you would expect of a decent hotel *room, plus the luxury of a* private balcony (only around £55 more *than the top* windows-only grade).

Passengers packed the upper decks as *Regal Princess* sailed out to sea past a tower-blocked Florida beachfront. In the breezy afternoon sun, well-wishers were waving and hooting us goodbye from tiny boats below. *Up above*, an aeroplane buzzed us with the banner "*Bon Voyage from* Great-West Life". There were steel drums and sky-blue cocktails, but *it* was that special magic of being *at* sea rather just *on* it that raised the collective pulse.

The ship was almost at its 1,596-passenger capacity, with Americans (many in their *thirties* and forties) heavily outnumbering the 163 Britons. There was a *smattering* of other Europeans but the multinational ambience stemmed more from the Italian officers, Mexican waiters, British bar *staff* and Filipino stateroom *stewards. The Regal Princess* is perhaps not as family-oriented as the *Sky* and *Star Princess* ships, but there was also an activities co-ordinator for the 30 children on board.

The American "happy chatty" *atmosphere was refreshing* for the English, but at times there was cringe-making stuff in store (such as limbo dancing and doing the conga at the Tropical Deck Party — although this ship is big enough for you to avoid the organised fun altogether). As Jane and *Jeff, honeymooners from* Berkshire, put it: "Did we come all this way for an English pub night?"

But Bill, a retired taxi-driver from Philadelphia, loved it, and sang his heart out to "Bye Bye Blackbird", reliving his memories of wartime Britain. Bill had left his wife at home, and was travelling *gratis* as companion to a rich, elderly bachelor.

Other evening entertainments were big band dancing, glitzy Broadway-style music



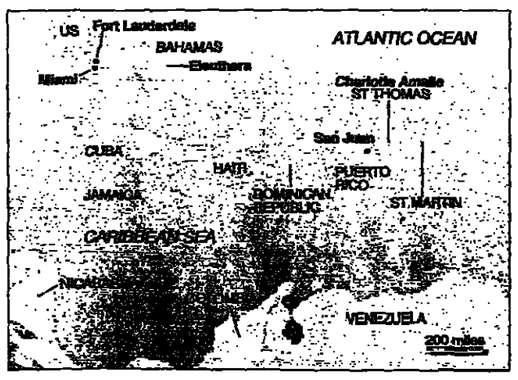
shows, new-release movies, and the standard disco (where the decorative Italian officers and even heart-throb Captain Antonio di Palma sometimes graced the dance floor). Daily dress codes were loosely interpreted, but on "formal" evenings, such as the Captain's gala welcome cocktail party, there were plenty of white tuxedos and sequin-soaked gowns.

Afterwards, it was off to another six-course dinner in the imposing Palm Court dining-room (seating for up to 844, beneath Italian crystal *chandeliers*).

Among the variety of *international dishes* were *delicious* baked Alaska, presented in a candlelit ceremony of marching waiters. With food available round the clock (even themed midnight buffets on deck), gorging oneself into a watery grave would not be difficult. For awesome food *statistics* (50 *tons* of food is loaded for a one-week cruise, for instance), the galley tour is recommended.



St Martin: the idyllic Caribbean island that is home to the rich and famous



Two high-powered businesswomen from Florida (who provided excellent company over dinner) typified the exercise-conscious element aboard. Rose, an estate agent from Tampa, aged 68, took a daily saunter *six times* around the jogging deck (one mile). Her *seventysomething travel* agent, the formidable Jane, joined the "cruiserease" fitness programme, aerobicising and multi-gymming her way to a free baseball cap for good attendance.

During the days at sea, for those not lounging on deck there were *endless quizzes*, beauty demonstrations, bridge gatherings, gaming sessions, and talks on the next port of call (largely tips for shopaholics).

The shore activities (one of the few things not included in the price, along with drinks *and tips*) ranged from a starlit horse ride into Puerto Rico's rain forest ($85) to racing an America's Cup 12m yacht off St Martin ($68).

After a full day at sea, we arrived at the Puerto Rican capital of San Juan in the late afternoon of day three, joining several other cruise ships in port. Rum was top of the *shopping list*, followed by gold and diamonds. Passengers filled the narrow shopping streets in the picturesque old town of fortresses, ruined walls and beautifully renovated colonial Spanish architecture. Later that night, from my private balcony, I watched the *glittering* skyscrapers of the new town and the pack of *starving* dogs on the quayside fighting over scraps.

By noon *the next day* we were stepping off the tender on the half-Dutch, half-French island of St Martin. Two of us were lucky enough to hire taxi-driver Ignatio, who took us on a two-hour tour of the island, gossiping all the way about celebrity holiday homes (belonging, allegedly, to Eddie Murphy, Diana Ross and Harry Belafonte), mafia interests and Dominican *prostitutes*.

One minute, Ignatio was mortified that there were *no* nudists to show us at Orient Beach, the next he was predicting the second coming of the Lord. It cost a mere $20 each, about the same as going on a run-of-the-mill group tour.

We were back *in* American territory early the next morning, docking at Charlotte Amalie, the hilly green capital of St Thomas in the Virgin Islands. For Americans with large budgets, it was the final tax-free designer shopping opportunity. For the British, a *two-hour visit to Fort Lauder*dale's vast shopping mall, The Galleria — with the *likes* of Saks Fifth Avenue and



Nieman Marcus among the 372 shops — was yet to come on departure day.

I'd heard enough about shopping bargains by this time. After my scuba-dive at a wreck off *nearby* Buck *Island* (not too deep and plenty of fish, *$52*), *I caught* a cab to Magens Bay beach, apparently one of the ten most beautiful beaches in the world. Difficult to tell while I was there, though, because it was jammed with several cruise ships' worth of passengers. Never mind, there was still a *visit to Princess Cays* — a private beach belonging to Princess Cruises on the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas — to look forward to on the last day.

We arrived, by tender, to bright white sand, bright blue *sea, and the bright* red roofs of small, hut-like beach facilities dotted among the royal palms. The beach party and barbecue for 1,500, complete with pirate-clad crew, with its live lilting music from Calypso Corner and organised beach games, were not compulsory.

Some people hid away in hammocks as far from the action as possible or walked over rocks past coral-filled waters to the small beach beyond. Others took to the wave-runners and jet skis. Sadly all the activity was interrupted when, for the first *time in the entire* week, the wind got up, the sky turned a deep shade of grey, and raindrops sent everyone back to the ship.

Our final fling may have been cut short, but who could complain? It certainly felt as if we'd covered a considerable *amount of land (including a* slice of old Spain, France and *Holland)* and sea (precisely 2,273 nautical miles). First-timers felt proud that they had "been there, done that", but for others the art of cruising is when you can well and truly switch off — like the 75 passengers who apparently turned up for the tour of the *ship's farm on April* 1.

Ship tips

☐ Sophie Chamier travelled with Princess Cruises, and flew courtesy of American Airlines. From May to September *The Regal Princess* and her identical sister ship *Crown Princess* operate in Alaska, with Caribbean cruises recommencing on October 15. Prices start from £895 per person for seven nights in an inside cabin with cabin facilities and include return flight, all meals on board and a night in a Miami hotel. Further details from Princess Cruises, 77 New Oxford Street, London, WC1A 1PP (071 831 1881).

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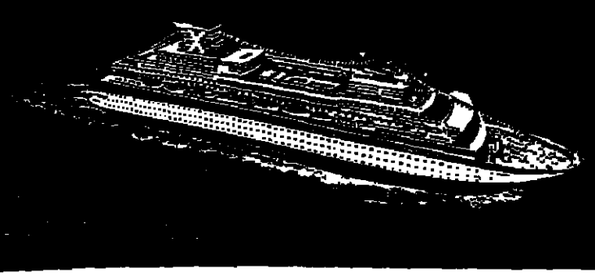
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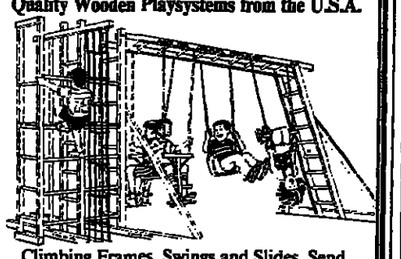
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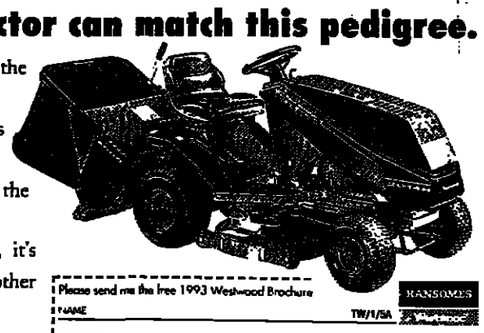
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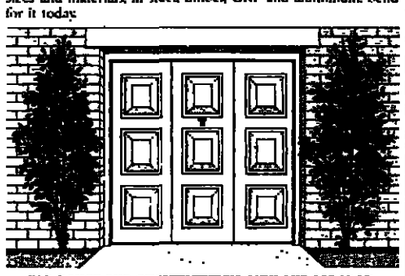
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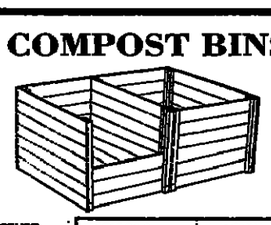
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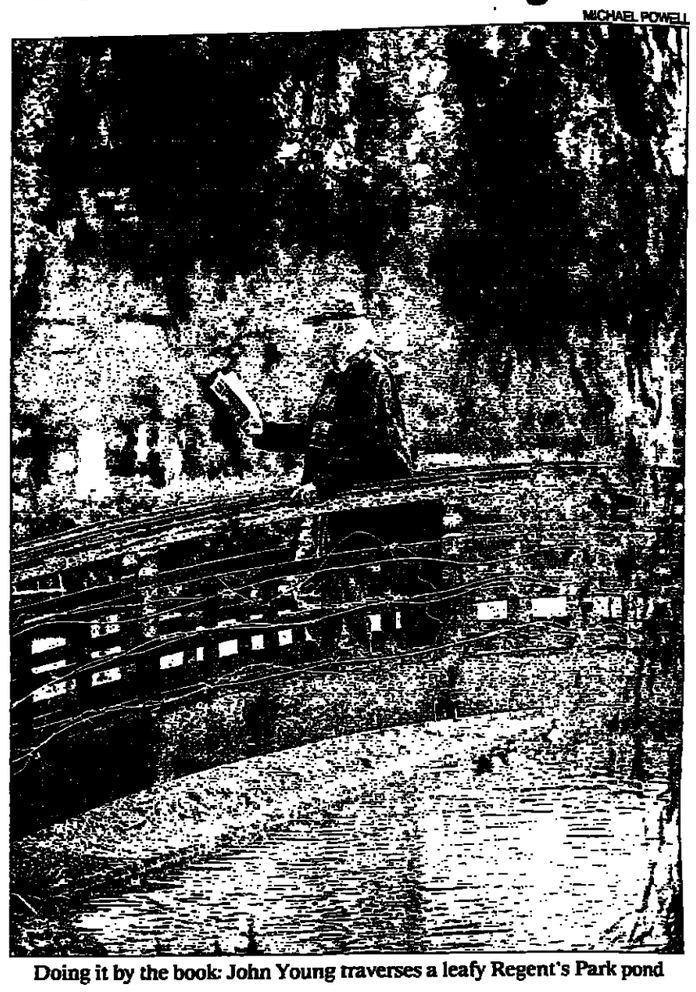
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Sunday morning path to discovery

John Young tests a new guide to London and adds a few ideas of his own

MICHAEL POWELL



Doing it by the book: John Young traverses a leafy Regent's Park pond

After more than 30 years of living in London I hardly expected to find myself crossing Piccadilly Circus with a guidebook: not a slip of an A to Z either, but a thick paperback of nearly 400 pages which explore well and little known events, attractions, monuments and walks around the capital. There were few natives visible last Sunday as I set out to test-walk, as it were, the new *Fodor's London Companion*, an updated version of Louise Nicholson's guide, first published in 1988. Ms Nicholson did much of her fieldwork by bicycle, which seems sensible, as the book covers a formidable amount of ground.

Of the dozen walks she describes in detail, I chose "the Nash Sweep", beginning in Carlton House Terrace, overlooking St James's Park. One reason for choosing it was last week's report by the government-appointed Royal Parks Review Group, which called for the establishment of a new pedestrian route linking all five parks in central London.

On a dull morning the most eye-catching object was a garish pink ice-cream van parked next door to the Duke of York column. The view up Lower Regent Street to Piccadilly, the first part of Nash's visionary triumphal way, was largely obscured by, mostly empty, sightseeing buses.

By stopping to inspect the various buildings Ms Nicholson describes or, on a weekday, "dipping into" the shops she recommends, the tourist could easily spend a whole morning travelling the length of Regent Street. For a Londoner who tends to avoid the West End, it was a leisurely 20-minute stroll, with the welcome novelty of not having to fight my way through hordes of shoppers.

Nash's "royal mile" is not so much interrupted as enhanced by the broad stretch of Portland Place, the creation of Robert Adam a generation earlier. At its top it divides into the two arms of Park Crescent, a half of what was intended to be the biggest circus in Europe, but was never completed. It has long since been cut off from Park Square by the multi-lane Marylebone Road; the review group would like to see a pedestrian route across the centre of the crescent and the square leading into the park, but it would still have to cross the intervening torrent of traffic.

Regent's Park seems in many ways the best of the five parks. Massed, brilliantly coloured tulips fringed the boating lake, the creamy splendour of the Nash terraces was enhanced by blossoming cherry trees, and there were Americans playing a noisy game of softball. In the 1970s, we youngish *Times* reporters used to play football matches in Regent's Park.

From the zoo, the walk follows the canal towpath west and south towards Little Venice. Ms Nicholson suggests leaving it halfway to make a detour past Lord's Cricket Ground — a good idea, as the path ends at a tunnel a few hundred yards on. On the far side of Maida Vale the towpath resumes, but on this occasion it was closed for repairs. Although it was Sunday, the great Victorian Gothic church of St Mary Magdalene, marooned in a modern housing estate, was locked.

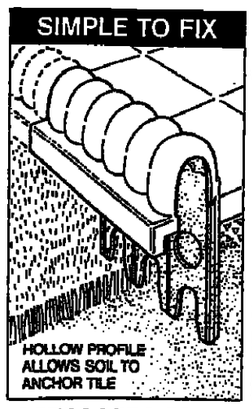
At this point (an abridged four miles or so on my part), Ms Nicholson suggests taking a boat back to Camden Lock. My own route to Paddington and Hyde Park took in an underpass below the Westway and a bridge over the railway tracks. Maybe the review group could suggest a less dispiriting alternative.

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Pots of ideas for creative containment

Many of us spoil an attractive container by cramming too many different plants in. Marry a terracotta pot to a single species, says Francesca Greenoak, and the result can be stunning

There are times when plants move me profoundly. I could have wept over the beauty of the pansies. Antique Shades, flowering in winter, frosted stiff, as if they were sugared.

I had planted them in the autumn, and they have flowered ever since, although they are said not to be reliably hardy. They are planted in a low, elongated oval-shaped terracotta trough, which I bought on impulse last spring. It is weathering well, the pale pink-orange smudged by grey and white complementing the rouged pink, peach and crimson shades of the pansies.

I believe we pay too little attention to the relationship between containers and plants, stuffing too many different species into our pots. Sometimes, a single subject can be stunning. In my hot conservatory, I have a single large oleander, which flowers all summer in a stoneware pot which I find dries out a little more slowly than terracotta. Outdoors, a group of brilliant orange tiger lilies bloom gorgeously year after year in a small oil drum, painted dark green.

Last week (on another spring-time impulse), I bought a tray of cream violas with no very clear idea of how I was going to plant them. After a trip to Jim Keeling's Whichford Pottery, in Warwickshire, a handsome new terracotta bowl with a faint pattern beneath its rim awaits occupancy. I am now chafing at my desk: on the other side of my workroom window the garden is unendurably inviting. What I really want to do is plant my violas: a pool of pale primrose against the brick colour of the pot, which is the same as that of our paths and the house itself.

I've admired Mr Keeling's terracotta work for many years, but this was my first visit to the Whichford pottery. Dotted around the yard, among a wonderful diversity of pots of different shapes, sizes, plain elegance and ornateness, were individual pots planted with small trees, shrubs and flowers. They demonstrated the possibilities of relating plant forms to the design of the pots.

I particularly liked the short-stemmed gooseberry standard, green-gold with spring foliage and hung all over with tiny flowers, in a prettily curved flowerpot decorated with sun mouldings. Next to it, the hardy geranium Warburgs pink was prevented from rampaging over all and sundry, as it might do in a flowerbed, by being confined in a large, stout pot.



Star turn: a Whichford design

One of the largest pots, standing over one metre high, and heavily ornamented with swags, flowers and fruits, contained a fine formal arrangement with a tall, clipped, standard variegated holly as its centrepiece and four box balls with blue pansies snuggled in between them. A small poly-tunnel was bright with terracotta combined with green growth, as this year's Chelsea display grows towards maturity. I was interested to see that the planting this year has its accent on bold simplicity, with no more than three different kinds of plant in a pot.

Whichford pottery uses a mixture of two local clays, fired in kilns of Mr Keeling's own design, and the results weather quickly to softer tones, with greys and greens overlaying the earthy, ginger-biscuit colour. It is a lovely medium, and my young son begged a lump of clay to bring home.

Mr Keeling uses terracotta in his own garden for edging, roof and wall tiles and paving. He and his wife are keen gardeners. They are gradually creating gardens in the eight acres surrounding the pottery. A small walled garden holds in the scent of daphnes and viburnums, spring bulbs blaze brightly, and shrub and wall-trained roses promise summer fragrance. Much of the reason for the Whichford pots being so good and sought-after must be that the creative inspiration comes from somebody who loves plants.

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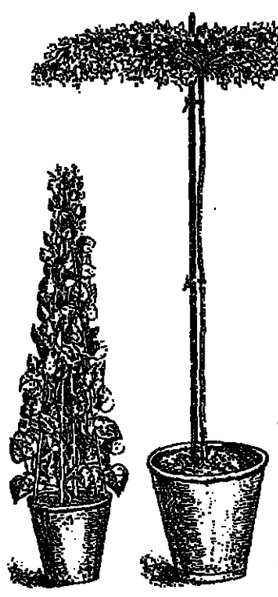
Terracotta territory: Jim Keeling is creating gardens to display the range of pots and troughs at his Whichford pottery in Warwickshire

Gardens to visit

● **Gwynedd:** *Holland Arms Garden Centre, Gaerwen, Anglesey (0248 421655)*
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● **Suffolk:** *By-pass Nurseries. On A12, Capel St Mary, S of Ipswich (0473 310604)*
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● **Cheshire:** *Stapeley Water Gardens, London Road, Stapeley, Nantwich (0270 628628)*
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WEEKEND TIPS

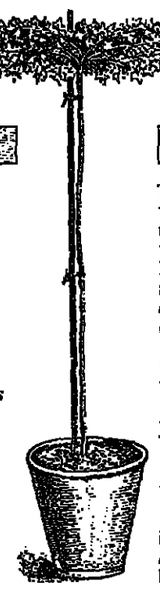
● *Clip dead flowers from winter-flowering heathers.*

● *Divide primroses and polyanthus plants, splitting them into small sections and replanting. Double and gold-laced primroses particularly benefit from this treatment.*

● *Deadhead azaleas and rhododendrons as the flowers fade, taking care not to damage the new shoots.*

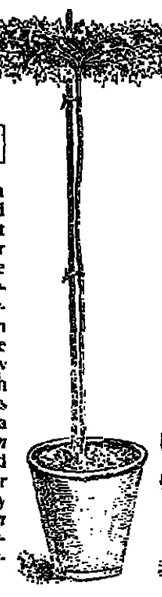
● *Put plastic or mulch collars around the stems of newly-planted cabbages.*

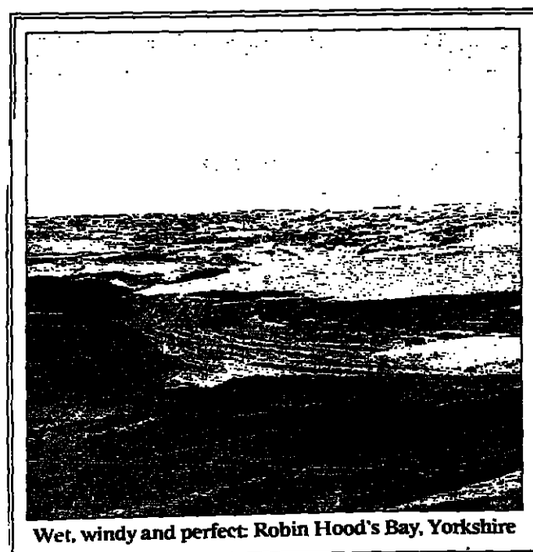
● *Watch out for sawfly caterpillars on gooseberries and Solomon's seal plants: pick them off at once.*



BEST BUYS

THIS spring has brought a flush of well-produced and useful gardening books. A fit tribute to the late Arthur Hellyer is his clear, concise and accurate *Gardening Encyclopaedia*, 800 pages of gardening wisdom (Hamlyn £14.99). Look out also for the Royal Horticultural Society venture into publishing with illustrated book publishers Conran Octopus: Thomasina Tarling's *Container Garden* brims with good ideas and ravishing illustrations; other titles are *Flower Garden* by Helen Dillon, *Shady Garden* by Jane Taylor and *Glasshouse Garden* by John Watkins (£15.99 each).





Wet, windy and perfect: Robin Hood's Bay, Yorkshire

Where would you go?
Robin Hood's Bay, near Scarborough, in North Yorkshire. It is the most beautiful, rocky, wild place, and at high tide the sea comes up to the main street. Visitors can't take their cars into the tiny village and have to go down a flight of steps to reach it. I first went there 20 years ago and like to go back every now and again.

How would you get there?
By a train serving British Rail kippers for breakfast.

Where would you stay?
At The Bay, a pub that overlooks the sea and has wonderful food.

Who would be your perfect companion?
I'm not telling.

What essential clothing or kit would you take?
Wellies and a balaclava. It is always wet and windy in Robin Hood's Bay.

What medicines would accompany you?
Mucron, whisky and Night Nurse. I always have Mucron because, if you smoke, your nose gets clogged up. I would take Night Nurse because I usually get a frightful cold from the damp sea air.

What would you have to eat?
Fish and chips, bacon and chips, egg and chips, bread and butter.

What would you have to drink?
Perrier water, strong tea and cocoa.

Which books would you take to read?
The memoirs of Mrs Thrale. Dr Johnson stayed with the Thrales in Streatham on and off for almost 20 years. I am intrigued by that whole world. I would also take *The Oxford Companion to the Mind* edited by R.L. Gregory. It contains every single thing you would ever want to know about the mind, and I like to dip into it.

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

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What music would you listen to?
Richard Tauber singing songs from *The Merry Widow*. It is my favourite operetta.

What would you watch on television?
The *EastEnders* omnibus, *Brookside* omnibus and *Columbo*.

Would you play any games or sport?
Definitely not.

What film would you watch?
Mary Poppins, which I watch nearly every weekend anyway, and *The Towering Inferno*, because I like being frightened out of my wits.

What luxury would you take?
A very placid horse.

What piece of art would you like to have there?
Lady Elizabeth Butler's painting, *The Return from Inkerman*.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
Archbishop Carey and his tambourine.

What newspapers or journals would you read?
The Spectator, The Oldie and *The Literary Review*.

What three things would you most like to do?
1. Swim in the sea with a rubber ring. I love the water but I can't swim. It is getting more difficult to buy a rubber ring big enough for an adult, and I am without one at the moment. 2. Go fishing. 3. Read on horseback.

What three things would you leave behind?
Worries, smart shoes and my best coat.

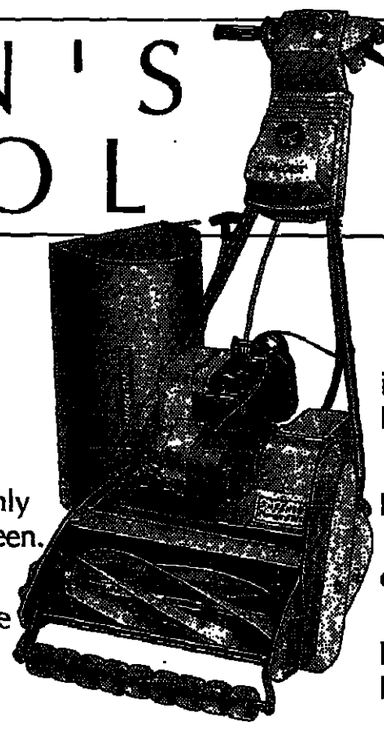
To whom would you send a postcard?
The family.

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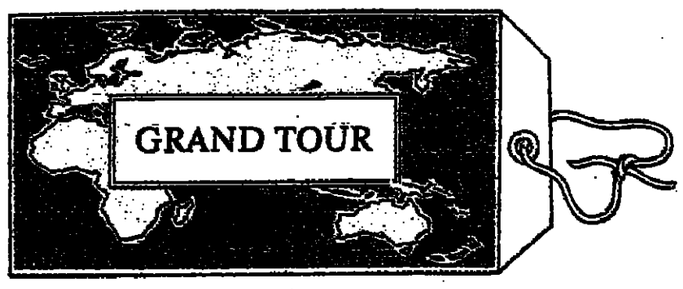
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Mapping out the teenage gap



What to do between school and college or work? These days, **Julia Llewellyn Smith** reports, more students are taking a rewarding year off



Heading east: Nick Mansour, 17, is considering taking a course in teaching English as a foreign language, which will...

In the 18th and 19th centuries, young gentlemen, and sometimes young ladies, were initiated into adulthood by being sent on a Grand Tour, usually to Italy or France, and often accompanied by a servant, a chaperone and a tutor to point out the finer features of Renaissance sculptures and Byzantine churches.

The ostensible purpose of this journey was for the young people to be introduced into high society, but in reality, says Dr Jeremy Black of Durham University, who has written a book on the subject, *The British Abroad: The Grand Tour of the 18th Century*, the sons of the élite were sent away to sow their wild oats in some obscure corner of Europe.

"Young men of 18 or 19 had nothing to do in those days, when university was basically for aspiring clergymen," he says. "So the grand tour was an ideal way of keeping them occupied for a year or so."

These days, with foreign travel affordable by almost anybody, the choice for school-leavers, although less grand, is less limited too. And the reason for taking a "gap year" between school and college or work is often the same: to think over future options in new and pleasant surroundings.



Noteworthy: Wayne Coffer, 17, wants to go to Australia, then take up a career in music

Nick Mansour and Loll Lowrey, both aged 17, will leave Westminster School, west London, this summer for a gap year, or "year of experience" as they prefer to call it. This will be less a luxury than a necessity, as both are applying for university places after their A-levels and must be available for interviews until Christmas. They intend to spend this intervening period earning money to pay for later trips.

Loll's plans for self-improvement would not shame a Victorian lady: she intends to end her year with an extensive list of newly acquired accomplishments. First, she plans to take a City and Guilds course in word processing, and then take a temp's job in the City. Next she will go to Paris, to work as an au pair and attend courses at the Alliance Française. "I would really like to be able to speak French well," she says. Lastly, she has signed up for a month's course in Siena on the history of art.

She is slightly worried that her projects are not adventurous enough, but says: "I don't really feel ready for those great trips to Nepal and India."

Nick, either through maturity or foolhardiness, has decided to venture further afield probably to China. But before that money has to be made, and before that comes a post A-level period of sheer relaxation. The death of the inter-rail pass, with which generations of young people could whistle through Europe by train in less than a month on £5 a day, is a sad blow to Nick and his friends. Instead of a tour of 18 European states he will have to make do with a trip to Italy, "to drink beer in the sun".

When he returns, he will look for manual work, preferably a night job. "That way I can earn more money, and it's a good excuse to sleep in for as long as I like, because morning television is no good and I can watch *Neighbours* in the afternoon."

After Christmas Nick is considering taking a TEFL course (teaching English as a foreign language) to qualify him to teach in China.

"I don't feel particularly immature at the moment, but when I come back I'll be a man with stubble and everything," he says. He will also use the time to think over future options. "I'm not sure what degree to do and this year off will give me time to think about what I really want to do, and maybe gain some experience."

Simon Lewis Joseph, aged 18, also wants time to think. He is studying for a Business and Technical Education Council (BTEC) diploma in business and finance at Cassio College, Watford, Hertfordshire, and has applied for various courses at polytechnics, but is unsure if this is where his interests really lie. "I need to sort myself out: I'm not sure I want to go to college, but I do not want to work either. Maybe I'll go to drama school."

Meantime, he wants to work as a waiter and then head off for the sun; possibly to Greece to do more of the same.

His classmate, Wayne Coffer, 17, says he has had enough of education and wants to take a year out before seeking a job. He would like to work in a record shop to gain experience in the music business, where he wants an eventual career. He also wants to go to Australia and set out on the open road. He is undaunted by reports of the Australian recession. "I've always wanted to go there, and the people speak English, which is an advantage," he says. "Everyone I know who has been there says it's easy to find work. Who knows, maybe if I like it, and it is possible, I'll never come back."

● The British Abroad *by Dr Jeremy Black is published by Alan Sutton, £17.99.*



Artistic bent: Loll Lowrey, 17, has signed for a month's course on the history of art in Siena



Waiting game: Simon Lewis Joseph, 18, thinks he'd like to go...

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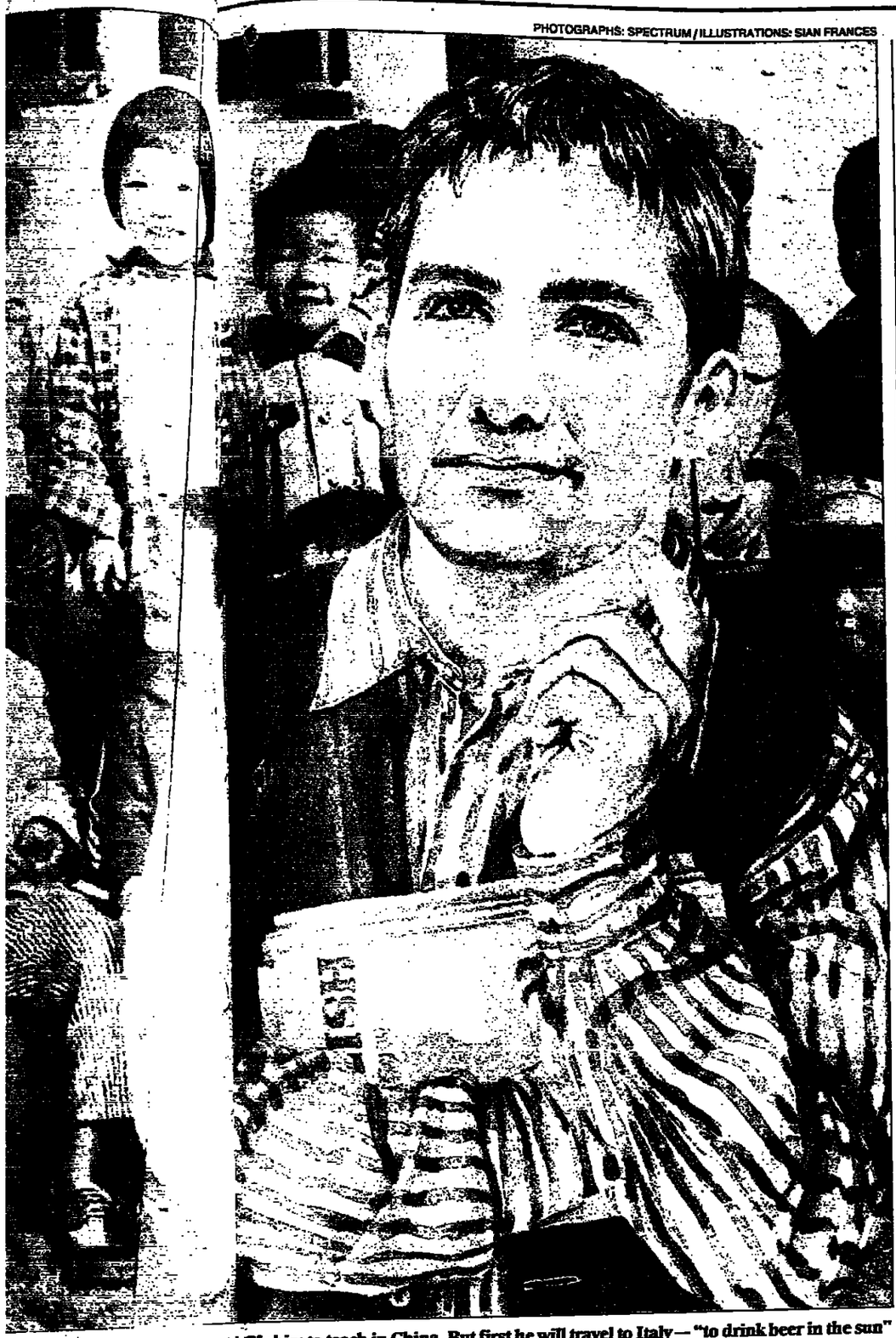
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MARATHON

The marathon starts here

The first in a new series by coach Mel Batty on how to train for the 1994 marathon season

Marathon running fires the imagination of the most unlikely people, and year after year avowed couch potatoes, dyed-in-the-wool spectators and the seriously unfit have embraced the dream shown to them by the London Marathon and made it come true. Whatever your level of fitness, the challenge of taking up marathon running is huge. So are the rewards.

Just two weeks ago, thousands of runners completed this, the greatest footrace in the calendar, when they crossed the finish line on Westminster Bridge. Male or female, long, short or tall, from 18 to 80, they shared one characteristic: 26 miles 385 yards of the London Marathon and the many miles of training beforehand testified to their determination to succeed.

The mystique of the event is unrivalled. Nearly 30 years ago, when I first ran a marathon, it was the sole province of internationals and experienced club runners. It was thought that only serious athletes could tackle the distance. Then, in 1981, Chris Brasher and his team staged the first London Marathon, and "ordinary" people were inspired by this fabled race.

You do not have to be superhuman to run the race because anyone with health, determination and the right attitude can complete the course. Start now. Right now.

Although the next London Marathon is nearly a year away, it is never too early to begin training. I want you to build up slowly and steadily. Moderation is the key to our preparation. Effort should be increased gradually.

You do not have to lead a Spartan existence to run a marathon. I want you to enjoy the odd pint of beer or glass of wine. You *can* also afford to eat junk food some of the time because you will be exercising regularly.

Running will have to take its place alongside your other commitments, but many runners find they have extra time for other interests because they have to organise their life carefully to fit in their training.

If you already practise some form of exercise, continue to do so as regularly as ever, at least for the moment. Just add the running to your schedule. I



Champ: this year's winner, Eamonn Martin

recommend three runs a week for the next month, preferably with a day's rest in between.

Here is your first schedule:

Week one: three 10min runs.
Week two: three 12min runs.
Week three: three 15min runs.
Week four: three 20min runs.

Each outing should be an easy jog: you should be able to talk to any companion throughout.

The schedule above is suitable if you have taken energetic exercise on a regular basis in recent months. However, you are advised to consult your doctor to check your suitability for running, especially if you have not been taking any exercise.

If you have not been used to regular exercise, here is the schedule for you:

Week one: three 10min brisk walks.
Week two: three 12min walks.
Week three: three 15min walks.
Week four: three 20min walks.

Most people run on the roads, but you should try to find playing fields or parks with grassy areas for your sessions: the softer surface has a cushioning effect that helps avoid leg injuries. If you choose a quiet area for training, or a quiet time of day, you are advised to have a companion, if possible, or select locations where there are plenty of people about.

Seek out a local jogging or athletics club, which will not only give you the necessary training partners but also advice and access to shorter races before the marathon. The British Athletic Federation, 225a, Bristol Rd, Edgbaston, Birmingham B5 7UB will advise if you send them a stamped addressed envelope.

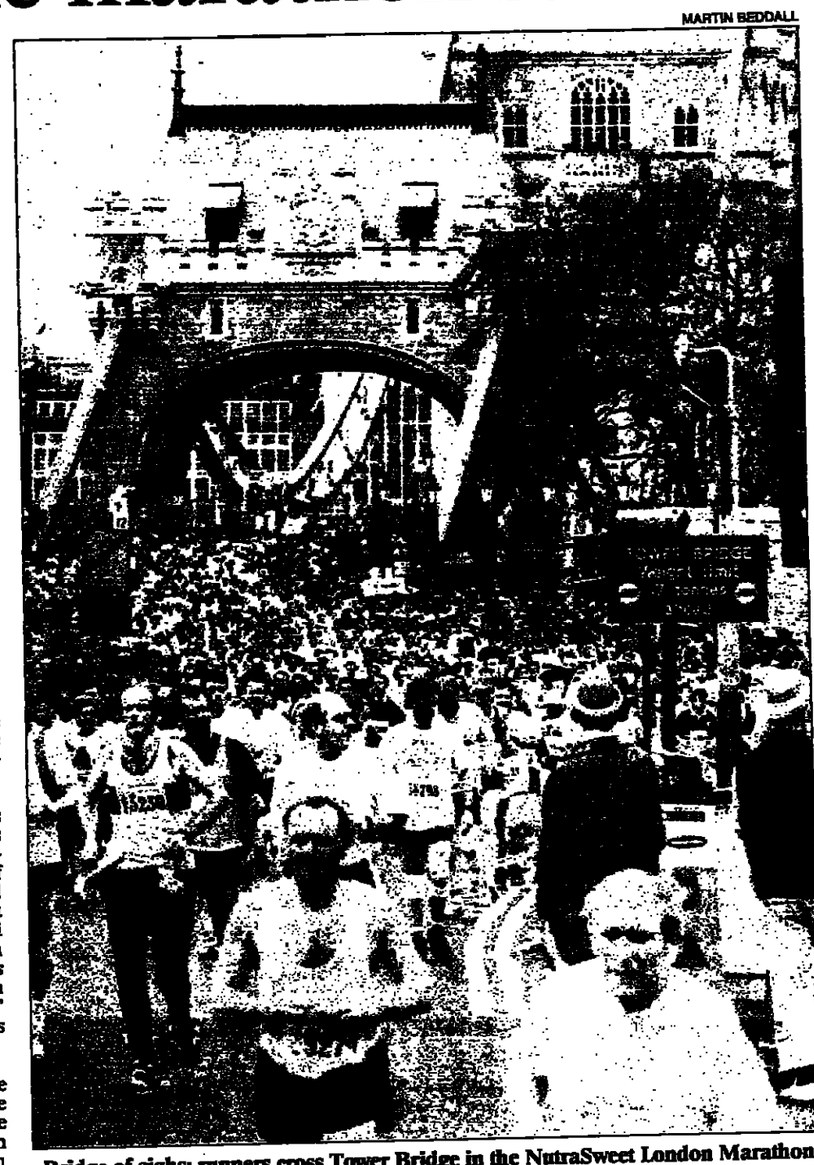
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In the summer, you may find it better to run early in the morning, when only the birds are up. Concentrate where you are stepping. We do not want you tripping over a kerb. However, try to keep your head up and focus on the ground, about 10 yards ahead of you.

Enjoy yourself as you run along the roads, across the fields and into the woods. Imagine yourself crossing the finishing line of the 1994 London Marathon, and how you will remember the experience for the rest of your life.

● *Mel Batty coached this year's winner, Eamonn Martin, and is himself a former 10-mile world record-holder.*

MARTIN BEDDALL



Bridge of sighs: runners cross Tower Bridge in the NutraSweet London Marathon

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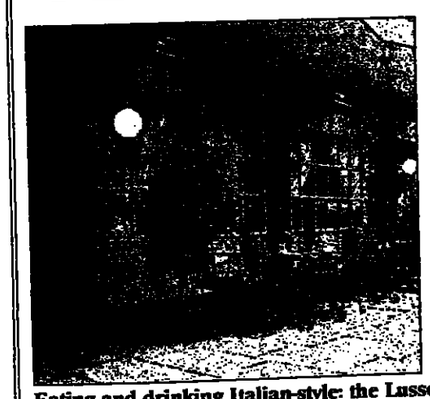
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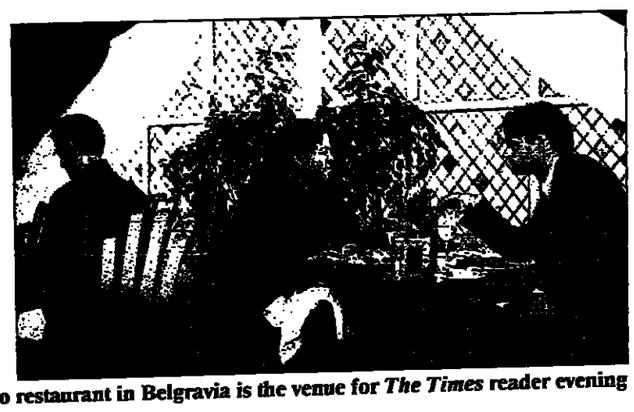
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Eating and drinking Italian-style: the Lusso restaurant in Belgravia is the venue for *The Times* reader evening

Taste the best of Tuscany



TO CELEBRATE National Wine Week starting on May 10, Times readers are invited to attend a tasting of Italian wines, followed by dinner, at Lusso in Belgravia, London, the leading new-wave Italian restaurant. On two evenings — Tuesday May 11 and Thursday May 13 — readers can sample at leisure nine quality wines from the historic Marchesi de' Frescobaldi estate in Tuscany, a tasting tutored by Dr Carlo Corino, the Frescobaldi winemaker. This will be followed by a reception and a four-course gourmet Tuscan dinner, created for *The Times* by Marco Giordano (above), the group executive head chef.

THE WINES

The wines, which come from Florence, where the Frescobaldis have been growers since the 14th century, will include **Pomino il Benefizio 1989**, a single vineyard oak-aged chardonnay, the famous **Brunello di Montalcino Castelgiocondo 1986, Campo ai Sassi 1990**, the stylish **Castello di Nipozzano 1988, Chianti Ruffina Riserva**, the fresh **Villa di Corte Rosé 1991** and the outstanding dessert wine **Pomino DOC Vin Santo 1985**. The delicious **Pomino Bianco 1990**, from a blend of pinot bianco, pinot grigio and chardonnay, and **Chianti Remole 1991** will also be tasted.

THE VENUE

Lusso, at 15-16 Lowndes Street, is on two levels, with a rich, dramatic feel, and decor based on Corinthian architecture. A stunning effect is created by handcrafted wrought iron furniture mixed with clear glass and red velvet curtains.

The tasting starts at 7pm and will be followed by a reception at 8.30pm, accompanied with wines from Frescobaldi.

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Jerusalem's little bit of England

As pilgrims progress in the Holy Land, a calm reassurance is offered by St George's Cathedral, writes Ruth Gledhill



OF ALL the Anglican churches in the world, St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, must count among those which most deserve to feature in a Trollope novel. With not a woman priest or deacon in sight, a cascade of yellow roses around the limestone porch, and a surplus of priests, bishops and rosy-cheeked women who do good works, in some ways it seems more traditionally English than the parish churches back home.

After uncertainty, because of the Palestinian uprising and the Gulf war, pilgrims are returning to Israel in record numbers. Once they have tried the chaotic worship at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholics and Armenians compete for control, St George's comes as a welcome relief, and a surprise.

The black-bearded dean, the Very Rev John Tidy, arrived here from his vicarage in Burley-in-Wharfedale, Yorkshire, on New Year's eve. He wears a perpetual look of sardonic surprise undercut by the dry sense of humour that is essential for a successful Christian ministry in Jerusalem. Relations between the cathedral and the Israeli authorities are cordial. Mr Tidy sees the Anglican presence in Jerusalem as a peaceable bridge between the different, often rival, Christian communities, as well as a spiritual home providing pastoral care for the pilgrims, who are often confused but loath to acknowledge their torment.

They arrive in Israel hoping to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and instead find themselves negotiating a delicate balance between the claims of different religions and denominations, with the path trodden by Christ buried beneath the detritus of centuries.

I travelled to Jerusalem with the Bishop of London, Dr David Hope. We stayed in the pilgrim guest house in the cathedral close, which can accommodate 50 people. The impression was of being in the sleepy cathedral close of Salisbury, and this was scarcely dented in the early hours of the morning by the haunting chant of the Muslim call to prayer.

Jerusalem is one of four Anglican dioceses in the Middle East, over which reigns the president bishop, the Rt Rev Samir Kafity, who lives in St George's Cathedral close. Our service followed an Arab service, with about 70 Palestinian worshippers who seemed oddly at home among the wooden seats, embroidered kneelers, whitewashed walls, flagstone floor and gothic tracery on the chancel screen.

For our eucharist, the cathedral was packed with white caucasian protestants. They dressed like the British do on holiday, with bare heads, arms and legs, some displaying the red trophy of sunburn.

Mr Tidy, 44, who is effectively chaplain to the pilgrims, began by welcoming Dr Hope, before launching us into a hymn from the New English Hymnal. The organist, Elisabeth van der Decken, from Germany, was one of the few I have heard who played faster than the breathless congregation could sing, although by the end of the service, we had just about caught up.

The audio system was not in use but it was hardly needed because Bishop Kafity, who was celebrating, appears to have his own in-built loudspeaker. In penetrating, resounding tones, more usual in a Muslim imam than an Anglican bishop, he greeted us and led us in confession before majestically granting absolution.

Most deans have absolute power over their cathedrals. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, had to knock on the closed door of Canterbury Cathedral before he could enter for his enthronement. Not so the dean of St George's. Bishop Kafity has an attractive enthusiasm for his ministry which has slight regard for some of the small niceties of Anglicanism.

Mr Tidy's special liturgy, prepared for Dr Hope's visit, was amended by Bishop Kafity at will.

He launched us into the creed, which was not in the dean's liturgy, and which became a sudden test of memory for we pilgrims. At the peace, the part of the service where most of us are used to shaking hands, he urged us fervently to exchange a kiss.

Dr Hope, on a pastoral visit to Jerusalem, preached powerfully on mystery and the message of the resurrection. He said: "As I come here as one pilgrim among many thousands, I do so from my own country which has recently been deeply affected and shaken by the deaths of two young children from the northern town of Warrington."

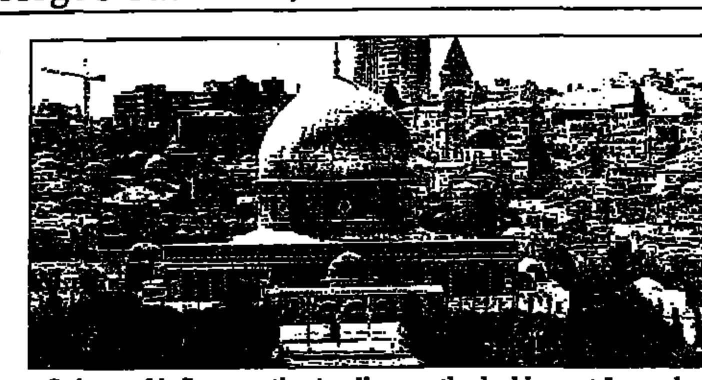
Those wishing to resolve long-standing hostilities must continue to hold on while holding out, he said. "Spiritual integrity consists not in being satisfied but in being insistent. We must not give up. We go on beginning again and again."

Mr Tidy continued the theme in our prayers for "the breaking down of suspicion, hypocrisy, envy and jealousy that divides and separates, that there may be reconciliation, justice and peace". We prayed for the people of Israel and for those involved in the peace negotiations, "that all in this land may be accorded equal dignity, worth and value".

After communion the congregation, which included pilgrims from Gloucester, Dover and Derbyshire, shook hands with the long line of bishops and clergy who waited to receive us at the western porch.

Afterwards, Mr Tidy explained: "In terms of holy places, people are often disappointed because of the holy chaos that reigns. This cathedral is a wonderful anachronism. You walk through the arch and find a little bit of England, right in the middle of east Jerusalem." As we left, on our way to celebrate communion on Mount Tabor, the homesickness I had felt for days lifted, and the Church of England no longer seemed so far away.

● *Sunday services: Communion at 8am (9.30am in Arabic) and 11am. Weekdays: Communion 7am, evening prayer 6pm.*



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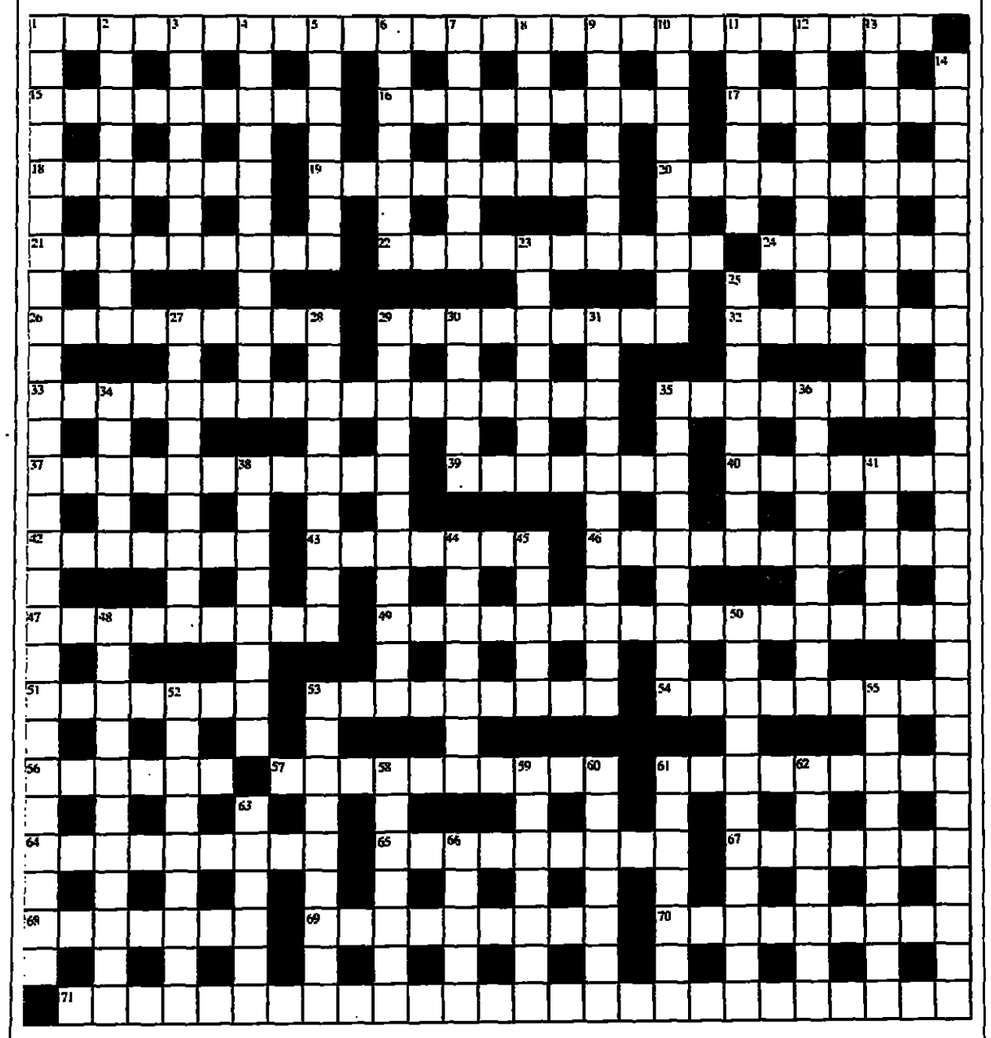
1 Thurber's film-hit et cetera — story we felt should be adapted (3,6,4,2,6,5)
15 No great romance between the covers? (9)
16 One who repairs a condenser (9)
17 More mellow Greek character in bank (7)
18 Source of power is a sensation with oxygen in a certain state (3,4)
19 Ancient history pageant a blunder! (9)
20 Rugby clown? (9)
21 The *Wheel of Fortune*, for example, that is turned on a table (5,4)
22 Old school river competition (10)
24 Elemental, beginning-of-time, volcanic rock (6)
26 "Le Tartuffe," say — *their copy ordered?* (9)
29 Prepare meat in sauce, in case fire's gone out (9)
32 Admission fee for the "Bounty" announced (7)
33 Wordsworth's capital point of view (11,6)
35 Route then switched in addition (9)
37 Tyneside waterworks consultant is a nervy type (11)
39 One fired into retreating target — emergency force appeared (7)
40 Will's extra piece of fish left around here in France (7)
42 *College caterer who makes* enquiries about courses? (7)
43 Gymnast to steal a show outside (7)
46 Bar scene for a tête-à-tête? (11)
47 Dash, say, used as a sentence-filler (9)
49 Fortunate offshore sanctuaries for old canaries, we hear (7,2,3,5)
51 Cut-off makes one's round dead (7)
53 Unhealthy pallor of history-head, taking one to heart (9)
54 Light-fingered person takes clarinets to pieces (9)
56 Mystery girl is ribbed about this (6)
57 Way to support an upper wall that may be reproduced (10)
61 Dreadful din that capitally described a funny organ (9)
64 Constable, say, in danger of losing game, needs a way to get back in (4,5)
65 Heedful of commercial specialist subject (9)
67 I resolve to go outside, destroying idols possibly (7)
68 The hard stuff produces such visions (7)
69 Join the Terriers at home — please! (9)
70 Tiny alibi is wrecked by incompetence (9)
71 Lord Grenville's versatile cabinet? (3,8,2,3,3,7)

DOWN

1 Tennyson's stormy forecast for later today (7,3,5,5,2,4)
2 What happens in the fall when leader departs? Listen in! (9)
3 'e give a 'and with the burbot? (7)
4 An eye for an eye, inter alia — OT? That's wrong! (11)
5 *Rock-climber's small* purchase (7)
6 Kibbutznik, perhaps, *is painter* and high-priest (7)
7 Customs duty originally cut out (7)
8 Try pitch-and-toss? (5)
9 One who flies away over the hill (7)
10 *Light competition in the relay* (5-4)
11 Counter for distillation-flask (6)
12 Invoke meat-price changes (9)
13 Bad luck in Rialto, but coming out of it (11)
14 Ben's dry toast? (5,2,2,4,4,5,4)
23 *Scrutinise* boy standing up in disgrace (7)
25 Antidepressant reduced in this punch? (8)
27 Accepted time of pastural right (9)
28 Clear exit — cater for crush (9)
29 Early gains of fellow in top honours degrees (5,6)
30 *Muslim leader supports hair*-style and white robes of Mecca pilgrims (5)
31 Acts like Pyrrho, cites Pisces doubtfully (11)
34 *Some impudent behaviour*, dressing (5)
35 *Rough measure*, in the galley, of a Force 11? (9)
36 Lasting ambition, to go to ancient city with expert (9)
38 Intended to have holy orders conferred (8)
41 Century not recorded when he led India? (5)
44 Charging for position in theatre poster (7)
45 Cast in acting extravaganza (5)
48 Snap conclusion demanded by 42s, of course (5,6)
50 How Wimbledon champions serve for set? (4,3,4)
52 An extremely bad doctrine taught by nihilists (9)
53 Peak rates, possibly, for good talkers? (9)
55 Exhaustion from hunger is endless folly — no one gets up! (9)
58 Make to lie flat for wound-dressing (7)
59 Twice restrain a major salvationist (7)
60 And in Rome, perhaps learn how to describe the city (7)
61 Silurid caught at angle? (7)
62 Opening character to indicate approval (7)
63 Time of year when shanty is cut short (6)
66 Ancient Roman needing to be guided by the stars? (5)

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1 Le Carré Alec Leamas story (3,3,3,4,2,4,3,4)
15 Glossy-surfaced (9)
16 Smart set (4,5)
17 *Forty Thieves hero* (3,4)
18 Scottish "A levels" (7)
19 Precipitately (9)
20 Faithful servant (4,5)
21 Contoured plan (6,3)
22 Intentional (10)
24 Grab at (6)
26 Oddly behaved (9)
29 Leading attackers (9)
32 Put in place (7)
33 Prussian state developer (9,3,5)
35 Harsh setback (5,4)
37 Nattering (6,1,4)
39 New paint coat (7)
40 Possess as well (4,3)
42 Set in store (3,4)
43 *Regular* (7)
46 Nothing yet achieved (3,4,2,2)
47 Spicy drink (6,3)
49 *Cruelly humiliate* (10,3,4)
51 *Diplomatic* (7)
53 Cut circles in skull (9)
54 Virtues (4,5)
56 Holiday centre (6)
57 Chief troublemaker (10)
61 Intricate cutter (9)
64 Difficult times (4,5)
65 Stimulus (9)
67 Shrill cry (7)
68 Greek currency (7)
69 Woman novelist (9)
70 Accuracy (9)
71 Trojan horse allusion warning (6,2,6,7,5)

DOWN

1 Tennyson Crimean War epic (3,6,2,3,5,7)
2 Preaching salvation (9)
3 Go before (7)
4 Fierce Japanese warrior (4,7)
5 "Dear fellow" (3,4)
6 Clap (7)
7 Peaceful, tranquil (7)
8 More pleasant (5)
9 Cock (7)
10 Reflected deeply (9)
11 Interruption (6)
12 Pig intestines (9)
13 Make track (5,1,5)
14 Seek personal retribution (4,3,3,4,4,3,5)
23 Borough citizen (7)
25 Make pretence of (8)
27 Be self-sufficient (4, 2-3)
28 Boiler store (4,5)
29 German slow polka (11)
30 North Face mountain (5)
31 Gave amusement (11)
34 Messenger (5)
35 Sovereign's standard (5,4)
36 Hangs back (9)
38 *Every year* (8)
41 Quarter round moulding (5)
44 Produce eggs (7)
45 Minorca capital (5)
48 Require (11)
50 Ruthlessly enforcing conformity (11)
52 Early yellow-flowered shrub (9)
53 Fichu (4,5)
55 Rejection of "untruth" (9)
58 Sparkle (7)
59 Risks (7)
60 Put out again (7)
61 Railway timber (7)
62 Lingering below surface (7)
63 Deceptive front (6)
66 Tropical myrtle spice (5)

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Now the house market is moving at last, **Rachel Kelly** says the time has come to reform the flawed English sales system

Re-run of a housing horror classic

The housing market is reviving, and joy is unconfined — well, almost. With the revival comes the return of that nasty quirk of the English sales system called gazumping, whereby the would-be buyer, after agreeing to pay the asking price and setting the conveyancing wheels in motion, is told that the deal is off because the seller has received a better offer.

By law, building societies must advertise in the local newspaper the offer they have received for a repossessed property — but this, in turn, invites higher offers and gazumping.

Presumed dead for the last four years, gazumping is said by Simon Agace, the managing director of Winkworth estate agents, one of London's largest chains, to affect as many as 20 per cent of sales now, especially repossessions.

Other agents, such as Harry Hill, the managing director of Hambro Countrywide, say that it touches only about 1 or 2 per cent of sales, particularly those of attractive country houses, which are in short supply.

Knight Frank & Rutley and Strutt & Parker say they have yet to hear of a case. They will soon. Some agents predict that as the level of sales pick up from its low of about 1.2 million over the past year (compared to the 1.8 million sales reported at the height of the boom in 1988), so will the level of gazumping.

The phenomenon is inevitable as long as we have a house-purchase system in which a seller's word is not his bond. *Caveat emptor* remains the guiding principle. "There will always be gazumping in a market which is active," Mr Hill says. "I don't think it will return to the levels of 1988, when practically every house sold was open to gazumping. Then, sellers didn't even put a price on a house, but invited offers in the region of a certain sum, so inevitably gazumping flourished."

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It is time it stopped. The Property Misdescriptions Act has cleared up the poetic licence in which agents once indulged; now it is gazumping's turn. *The Times* has long argued that the system needs reform, and now is an especially good time to act. For all the first stirrings of life, the market is still relatively quiet. Tempers are calm. The moment for reform is while the lull lasts and while the stakes remain relatively low.

Nearly every national consumer body agrees on the need for reform, including the National Association of Estate Agents. Though agents cannot be blamed for gazumping — they are merely the messengers who, by the 1990 Estate Agency Act, must report back all offers to their clients — they must lead the campaign for reform. It is in their interests. The main reason is that disappointed would-be buyers blame estate agents.

In 1989, the Consumer Association's magazine *Which?* reported that in a survey of 3,000 people who had moved house recently the particular area of concern was gazumping.

The case of Erville and Maria Bailey, who have two young children, *illustrates* the stresses gazumping imposes on house buyers. In January, they put in an offer of £66,000 on a house in Aragon Road, Morden, Surrey. They were due to complete on April 19.

In the intervening months, they arranged their mortgage with the Abbey National and bought about £900 of furniture, ready to be delivered the day they moved in (in the meantime, they were living with Mr Bailey's mother in south London). They spent several hundred pounds on a survey, several hundred more on solicitors' fees, and registered their four-year daughter into a local school.

On the morning of April 19, the seller received an offer of £70,000. The agents, Barnard Marcus, set the Baileys a deadline of 12.30am on April 20 to match the new price. After a frantic visit to the Abbey National, the Baileys managed to raise the extra £4,000.

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"We were devastated when the higher offer came through," Mrs Bailey says. "We were so far down the line with all the arrangements. Luckily we managed to raise the extra money, but we might not have been able to, and we would have been severely out of pocket. I blame the seller. Once we had made the agreement three months ago, he should have stuck to it."

Like many, the Baileys prefer the Scottish system, under which purchasers make their offers by sealed tender. The vendor makes his choice of offers by a certain date and must stick to his decision. Although this combats gazumping, unsuccessful purchasers still have the expense of commissioning surveys.

An alternative would be a system of a conditional contract, signed once the vendor and buyer have agreed terms. This is favoured by Michael Jones, the president of the National Association of Estate Agents, though the association has yet to finalise its recommendations. Completion would then be carried out within a fixed time, subject to the searches and surveys being satisfactory. If not, the purchaser could withdraw within a limited time period. Or, as a Law Commission report has proposed, the onus for conducting searches might be placed on the vendor.

Pending reform, there is little would-be buyers can do to avoid gazumping. As Mr Hill says, human nature means that some sellers will always be greedy for more, and many will have good reason, in a world of repossessions and negative equity, to be desperate for the highest offer.

It is impossible to spot the reliable sellers from the sharks, and even then the sharks may be lambs in disguise and in trouble. But it makes sense to try to shrink the time between agreeing to buy and the exchange of contract. Lawyers and surveyors must play their part, by speeding up the conveyancing process. Agents can help by agreeing not to show anyone else the property.

Meanwhile, a practice which many agents, including Knight Frank & Rutley, already follow, is that if a new bid comes in, the seller should at the very least allow the original buyer a chance to come in with an offer.

And buyers can behave better, too. For all that buyers may complain about the actions of sellers, it is still the case that about 25 per cent of sales are aborted because the buyer drops out.

Buyers who use gazunder

IN SCOTLAND, where the house sales system is different from that in England and Wales, estate agents say that although gazumping should be impossible, it can happen *(Rachel Kelly writes)*.

In the past, once a seller had accepted a sealed bid, this was legally binding. Buyer and seller would move quickly forward to conclude a "bargain" in a matter of days after the offer, avoiding the possibility of gazumping.

The solicitors representing both sides would then "conclude missives", or exchange contracts, again legally binding on both parties.

Since the recession, however, agents are finding that offers are increasingly hedged around with conditions.

Colin Strang Steel, of Knight Frank & Rutley, says: "Instead of running to two or three conditions about the property and its surroundings, buyers are now insisting on up to 30 conditions.

"Typically, they include EC directives such as the quality and quantity of a private water supply," he says.

There is, therefore, a delay between the offer being made and its formal acceptance by the seller, delaying the moment when the offer becomes legally binding.

Although an instance of gazumping has yet to be reported in this interim period, the opposite experience, gazundering, has already begun to happen, with the buyer reducing the offer.

Mr Strang Steel thinks it is unlikely that gazumping will happen in Scotland while the housing market remains depressed. But in theory, once the market picks up, gazumping could appear for the first time.

He hopes this will not happen. "I think there should be a return to the pattern we have always known in Scotland before the recession, where an offer, plus all the conditions attached, once made and accepted, is legally binding," he says.

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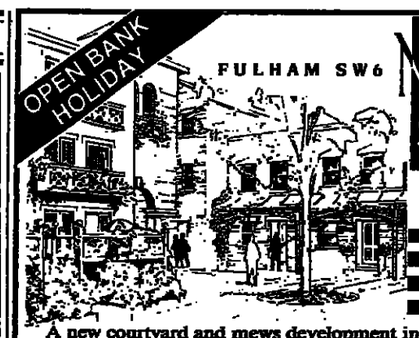
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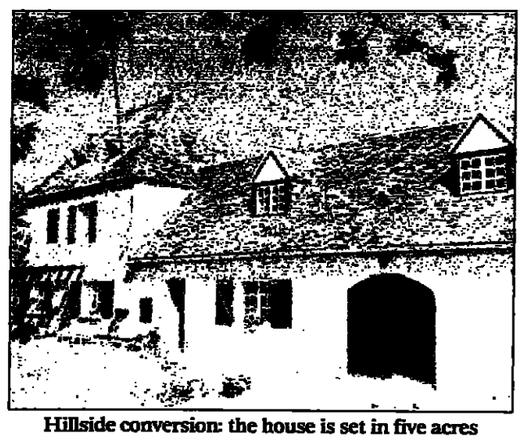
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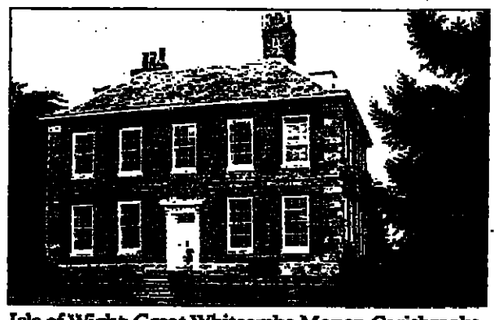
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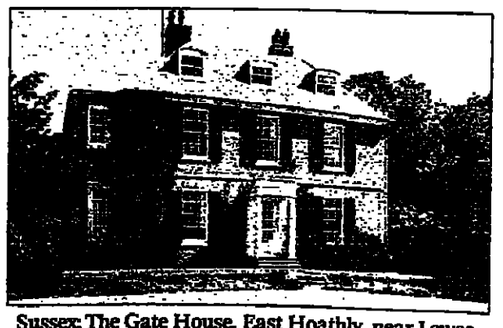




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ON THE LEDGE: Alan Bleasdale's arresting vision of inner city collapse. **National (Lyttelton)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Wed-next Sat, 7.15pm, mat next Sat, 2.15pm.

NO MAN'S LAND: Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. **Comedy**, *Panton Street*, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Closes next Saturday.

PLAYING BY THE RULES: Surviving the streets as a rent boy: Rod Dungate's sharp comedy comes to London after two sell-out runs at the Birmingham Rep. **Drill Hall**, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm. Until May 22.

THE SCHOOL OF NIGHT: Peter Whelan's inventive drama on Marlowe's last days; charismatic performance by Richard McCabe. **The Pit**, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Wed-next Sat, 7.15pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.15pm.

SEARCH AND DESTROY: Stephen Daldry's debut production here is also Howard Korder's British debut, with a play zigzagging across the United States to give a darkly comic picture of the soured American dream. **Theatre Upstairs**, Royal Court, SW1 (071-730 2554). Previews tonight, Mon, Tues, 7.30pm, opens Wed, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm

THE TRIAL: James Wilby plays the doomed hero, with Estelle Kohler and Peter Eyre, in English Stage Company's production of Kafka. A British-Czech co-production directed by Czech National Theatre director Lida Engelova. **Young Vic**, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

REGIONAL

BRIGHTON: A score of theatre companies make brief visits at this year's Festival. Present throughout is Footsbarn Travelling Theatre, performing *Romeo and Juliet* in their tent, which could be better than their *Dream* of a couple of years back. **Martello Fields**, Seaford, *Romeo & Juliet* performances from Mon, 8.30pm. **The Level**, Brighton. Performances from May 13, 8.30pm. Festival Box Office (0273 674357).

EDINBURGH: Tom McGrath's new play *Buchanan* tells of the life so far of Ken Buchanan, boxer with the golden touch until he fought at Madison Square Gardens in 1971. **Traverse**, Cambridge Street (031-228 1404). Free preview Fri, 8pm, opens May 8, 8pm; then Tues-Sun (May 16), 8pm. Also May 25-June 6, 8pm

GLASGOW: The annual Mayfest, three weeks of theatre, music and dance, gets underway with a Tron Theatre/Dundee Rep co-production of *Macbeth*. Splendid Iain Glen in the lead. **Tron Theatre**, 63 Trongate (041-552 4267). Opens tonight, 8pm; then tomorrow and Tues-Sun, 7.30pm, mats May 8, 15 and 16, 2.30pm. For general enquiries ring 041-552 8000.



Michael Feast: starring in Murder in the Cathedral

MOLD: Sharp wits in Naples. Marcello Magni in the title role of Molière's Mr Fixit in *Wiseguy Scatino*. **Emlyn Williams Theatre**, Theatr Clwyd (0352 755114). Previews from Fri, 7.45pm; opens May 11, 7.45pm; then Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.45pm.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Michael Feast joins the RSC to play the lead in *Murder in the Cathedral*, the company's second go at Eliot's verse play. Steven Pimlott directs. **Swan Theatre** (0789 295623). Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm; opens May 8, 7.30pm; from May 27 in repertoire *The Venetian Twins*.

WORD-WATCHING

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TUGURY

(b) A hut, cot, peasant's cottage, from the Latin *tugurium* a hut or cell: "From storm and rain themselves for to save, they devised other habitations, tuguries & small receptacles to shroud them in."

MACUTE

(b) At the beginning of the 18th century, said to be the name for one of the pieces of cloth used as money by the natives of the Congo. Subsequently used in the W. African trade as the name for a money of account (= 2,000 cowries), and hence adopted by the Portuguese at Angola as a denomination in their local coinage. From the native African *macuta*. "The negroes on the coast of Africa have a sign of value without money. It is a sign merely ideal. A certain commodity or merchandise is worth three macutes; another six macutes; and another ten macutes."

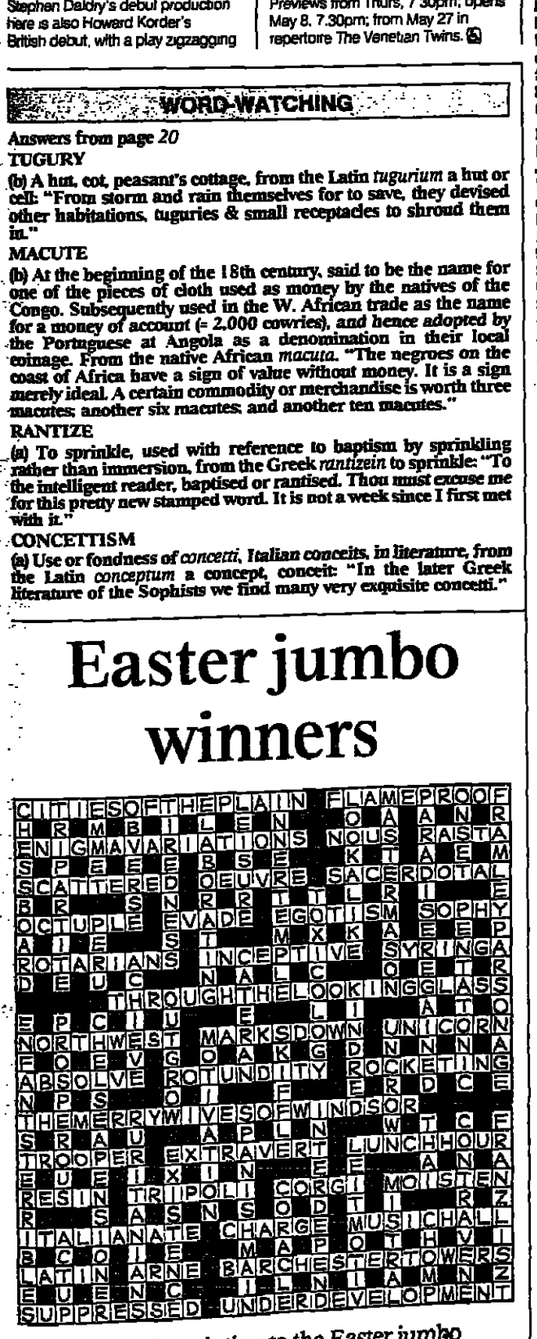
RANTIZE

(a) To sprinkle, used with reference to baptism by sprinkling rather than immersion, from the Greek *rantizein* to sprinkle: "To the intelligent reader, baptised or rantised. Thou must excuse me for this pretty new stamped word. It is not a week since I first met with it."

CONCETTISM

(a) Use or fondness of *concetti*, *Italian conceits, in literature, from the Latin conceptum* a concept, conceit: "In the later Greek literature of the Sophists we find many very exquisite concetti."

Easter jumbo winners



Here is the solution to the Easter jumbo crossword published on April 10. The winners, who will each receive £50, are David M. Day of Maidstone, Kent; Mrs B. Green of Fishtoft, Lincs; W. Islip of Cambridge; Mrs H. Moss of Pinner, Middlesex; and P.G. O'Gorman of Felsted, Essex.

FILM

ACCIDENTAL HERO (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ALIVE (15): A terrific plane crash, then it's slowly downhill for this true-life story of survival and cannibalism in the Andes. Ethan Hawke. Vincent Spano; director, Frank Marshall. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) ***Empire*** *(071-437 1234/497 9999)* **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

BLOW-UP (15): Revival of Antonioni's enigmatic portrait of swinging London: dated, but packed with interest. Part of a season celebrating British films of the Sixties. **Barbican** (071-638 8891)

BODY OF EVIDENCE (18): *Predatory murder suspect Madonna* hooks defence lawyer Willem Dafoe. Silly, sleazy attempt to rival *Basic Instinct*. Director, Uli Edel. **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier. **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **Gate** *(071-727 4043)* **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

FOREVER YOUNG (PG): Test pilot *frozen for 50 years awakes and* searches for true love. Endearing, old-fashioned fantasy, with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

LEAP OF FAITH (PG): Steve Martin's evangelical conman finds his match in drought-stricken Texas. Hard-going drama; with Debra Winger, Liam Neeson. Director, Richard Pearce. **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore. **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

MR SATURDAY NIGHT (15): Some tart jokes, but a mostly exhausting, cornball vehicle for Billy Crystal (as an old-time comic in his twilight years). With David Paymer; Crystal also directs. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** *(071-435 3366)* **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD *(12):* *Timid version of* Dickens's novel, with Robert Powell as the cathedral musician obsessed with his nephew's fiancé. Director, Timothy Forder. **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279).

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S LOADED WEAPON 1 (PG): Juvenile spoof of the *Lethal Weapon* series, with just a few chuckles. Gene Quintano directs Emilio Estevez, Samuel L. Jackson. **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ONE FALSE MOVE (18): Excellent rural film noir from director Carl Franklin. Bill Paxton as the Arkansas sheriff faced with two fleeing drug dealers and a tantalising moll. With Cynda Williams, Billy Bob Thornton. **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route; filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature. **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

RUBY CAIRO (15): Andie MacDowell follows the trail of her shady pilot husband. Globe-trotting potboiler that ultimately goes nowhere. With Liam Neeson; director, Graeme Clifford. **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999).

SOMMERSBY (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

USED PEOPLE (12): Will Jewish widower Shirley MacLaine accept Marcello Mastroianni's advances? Queasy comedy romance, made watchable by its cast. Director, Beeban Kidron. **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).



Driven by lust: Ian Pepperell and David Phelan, Playing by the Rules (see Theatre)

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

BERLIN PHILHARMONIC: If you are reading this over breakfast before 9am, dash to the Albert Hall: the chance to hear the Berlin Philharmonic under Bernard Haitink for £5 (the cheapest tickets; they range up to £30) comes but *rarely. This morning event is the* orchestra's "Europa Concert", held in a different country each May Day and marking the orchestra's birthday. Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* is the main fare, and Frank Peter Zimmermann is the soloist in Mozart's Violin Concerto, K216. **Albert Hall**, London, SW7 (071-589 8212), today, 10.30am.



Bernard Haitink conducts *the Berlin Philharmonic*

ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT: Heinrich Schiff is a wonderful cellist, and has lately emerged as a formidable conductor as well. Here he directs the OAE in an all-Beethoven programme played on period *instruments: the "Eroica" always* startles when trimmed to the kind of forces Beethoven would have expected. **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Tues, 7.45pm.

BEVERLEY EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL: The highlight of this *delightful four-day festival will* probably be next Saturday's performance of Purcell's *The Fairy Queen* in the Minster, by the excellent Gabrieli Consort and Players. With Purcell's tercentenary fast approaching, interest in the composer dubbed "Orpheus Britannicus" by his contemporaries is growing. What a pity that Purcell took part of the plot of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, but set not a line of Shakespeare. **Beverley Early Music Festival**, *The Guildhall*, Beverley, (0904 645738), Thurs-next Sun.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC: Three of the brightest women in *British music team up for this* concert. Siân Edwards conducts, and the soloists are the percussionist Evelyn Glennie and the pianist Joanna MacGregor in an "Alternative Vienna" concert that ranges from a Strauss waltz to H.K. Gruber's *Rough Music*. **Festival Hall**, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Thurs, 7.30pm.

OPERA

LA GIOCONDA: Opera North dusts off Ponchielli's opera, rarely staged these days, but a lyrical feast if the singers meet its considerable vocal demands. *This cast includes Rosalind Plowright* and Sally Burgess. Production and designs are by Philip Prowse. **Grand Theatre**, Leeds (0532 459951/440971), Sat, Tues, 7.15pm.

EUGENE ONEGIN: Scottish Opera does its bit for the Tchaikovsky centenary celebrations by reviving David Pountney's production, a bit whiskery now but still cutting to the core of Tchaikovsky's dark and *powerful tragedy.* **Theatre Royal**, Glasgow (041-332 9000), Wed, 7.15pm.

ROCK

THE DUBLINERS: The enduring Irish folkies embark on the second leg of a mammoth tour to promote their aptly titled anniversary album, *30 Years A-Greying*. **Birmingham**, Town Hall (021-236 2392), Wed, 6.45pm. **Rhyl**, New Pavilion Theatre (0745 330000), Thurs, 6pm. **Hanley**, Victoria Hall (0782 712500), Fri, 7.20pm.

THE FALL: This prolific rock band shows inventiveness and flair even when producing cover versions. Their latest album, *The Infotainment Scan*, including the Sister Sledge number "Lost in Music", represents their maverick talent at its best. **Newcastle**, University (091-232 8402), Thurs, 7.30pm. **Manchester**, University (061-275 2930), Fri, 7.30pm.

RADIOHEAD: The band perform their refreshingly direct, guitar-based indie rock on a *nationwide tour.* **Nottingham**, Polytechnic (0602 476725), today, 8pm. **Sheffield**, University (0742 724076), tomorrow, 7pm. **Leeds**, University (0532 455570), Fri, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

CARDIFF JAZZ FESTIVAL: A fine line-up of musicians including saxophonist Courtney Pine (Coal Exchange, today, 8.30pm), guitarist Martin Taylor (Celtic Bay Hotel, Mon, 5.30pm) and cornetist Warren Vaché (Norwegian Church, today, 7pm) ensures an excellent and varied weekend of *jazz. Pine is also playing on the Silk* Cut City Jazz tour; this week, Birmingham's Hummingbird (021-236 2392) on Thursday, Edinburgh's Queen's Hall (031-668 2019) on Friday. **Cardiff Jazz Festival** (0222 340591), today, tomorrow and Mon.

GIL SCOTT HERON: Expect *unpredictable entertainment from the* influential pianist and jazz poet. **Cambridge**, The Junction (0223 412600), tomorrow, 7.30pm. **London**, Jazz Cafe (071-916 6000), Mon, Tues, Wed, 7pm.

APOLLO SAX QUARTET: This award-winning young ensemble *performs contemporary works* from composers as diverse as Django Bates and Michael Nyman. The latter's new work, *Songs for Tony*, receives its world premiere on the tour. **London**, Purcell Room (071-928 8800), tonight, 8pm. **Birmingham**, Midland Arts Centre (021-440 4221), *Wed, 8pm.* **Manchester**, Royal Northern College of Music (061-273 4504), Fri, 7.30pm.

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: A triple bill marking the tenth anniversary of the death of George Balanchine is on offer at Covent Garden this week, along with further performances of the new full-length *Don Quixote*. The Balanchine tribute comes in the form of a revival of his *Ballet Imperial*, performed in the original version which he created in America in 1941 and taught to the then Sadler's Wells Ballet in 1950; *Eugene Berman's original* designs for Sadler's Wells will be recreated by Anthony Dowell. *Ballet Imperial* is part of a triple bill that includes Birtley's popular *Still Life at the Penguin Cafe* and MacMillan's elegiac *Gloria*. **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066), *Don Quixote: tonight*, Mon, 7.30pm. Triple bill: Tues, Thurs, 7.30pm.

LIMON DANCE COMPANY: A *rare visit by this American troupe* brings works new and old, including José Limón's modern dance classic, *The Moor's Pavane*. It tells the story of Othello and is danced to Purcell's music. **Gardner Centre**, Brighton (0273 676926 for details), Thurs, Fri, next Sat, 7.45pm, mat, next Sat 2.30pm.

EVENINGS OUT

MARIA KEMPINSKA, FOUNDER OF LONDON'S JONGLEURS CLUBS



6 On the artistic front I'd love to see the *Georgia O'Keeffe* exhibition at the Hayward Gallery on London's South Bank. For me she's interesting not only as a painter but as a woman too. At a difficult time for women, she actually became a very well known artist, her paintings sitting alongside those by male artists such as Picasso and Braque. There is some controversy over whether she became famous through her paintings or her lifestyle — she allowed herself to be photographed nude and had all sorts of romances, but who cares. I find her work very beautiful and she has the ability to use paints in a very fluid manner. I really fancy seeing *The School of Night* [RSC The Pit *in repertory until June 9*]. It sounds a bit highbrow but really it's a whodunit — who killed Christopher Marlowe 400 years ago? This production poses the fascinating question of whether Shakespeare had anything to do with it. Finally I'm looking *forward to seeing the film Howards End* [re-released at various cinemas]. I met Emma Thompson when she was just being discovered from the Cambridge Footlights. I think it's fabulous that she has managed to cross the barrier between being a *comedienne and serious acting. She's young, and the fact that* she won an Oscar gives us all hope — you can actually get out there and win... ?

THE TURNING WORLD: This is the fourth year *The Place has* presented its season of contemporary dance from abroad. But where previous seasons focused on Europe, this year's has widened its brief to include dance from all five continents. A total of nine companies are being presented over 15 nights. **The Place**, 17 Duke's Road, London, WC1 (071-387 0031). Check theatre for details.

CE DE CE: A collection of works by three of Portugal's leading contemporary choreographers is presented by Ce De Ce, a company founded in 1992 by former Ballet Gulbenkian dancers Maria Bessa and Antonio Rodrigues. **Riverside Studios**, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, London, W6 (081-748 3354), Wed-next Sat, 7.45pm.

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

BRITISH ANTIQUE DEALERS FAIR: This year the British Antique Dealers Association is stressing the affordability of the works. The emphasis will be on furniture, but porcelain, needlework, silver and painting will also be on show. **Duke of York's Headquarters**, King's Road, SW3 (information, 0892 547590). Preview Tues, 6pm-9pm, Wed, 11am-5pm, Thurs, Fri, 11am-8pm, next Sat, Sun 11am-6pm, *May 10, 11am-8pm, May 11*, 11am-6pm.

HOFFNUNG ENCORE: A show of work by Gerard Hoffnung, cartoonist, instrument designer and musician, who died in 1959 at the age of 34. As well as his art work the exhibition includes a number of musical instruments *built to his eccentric designs*. **National Museum of Cartoon Art**, Carriage Row, 163-203 Eversholt Street, NW1 (071-388 4326). Mon-Fri, midday-6pm (Thurs to 7pm). Closed Bank holiday Monday.

IN THE STEPPES OF GHENGIS KHAN: The first major exhibition in Britain of art and artefacts from Mongolia. The main gallery contains contemporary paintings and photographs, while round about them there are examples of traditional crafts and a display of photographs re-creating Mongolia at the turn of the century. **October Gallery**, 24 Old Gloucester Road, WC1 (071-242 7367). Tues-Sat, 12.30-5 30pm; opens Thurs to June 19.

PAINTINGS FROM THE BOWES MUSEUM: The Bowes Museum at Barnard Castle is being refurbished, so 29 of its most famous paintings are on show here. Included are one of El Greco's finest works, *The Tears Of St Peter*, two Goyas, Boucher's superb *Landscape With a Windmill*, and *lesser known works by Courbet*, Sassetta and Heemskerck. **National Gallery**, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321) Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until June 20. Closed Bank holiday Monday

NEW BEGINNINGS. Ken Powell has amassed an unrivalled collection of British art of the immediately post-war era. His particular favourite is Prunella Clough, but he also owns a splendid representation of St Ives free form abstractionists, including Roger Hilton, Peter Lanyon, Patrick Heron and Terry Frost **Courtauld Institute Galleries** *(Nos 9 and 10)*, Somerset House, Strand, WC2 (071-873 2526). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until June 13.

TRADITION AND REVOLUTION IN FRENCH ART: This show represents the collection of the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Lille gives a very fair idea of the cross currents in French art between 1700 and 1880. The collection includes some familar works such as Delacroix's *Medea* and David's *Belisarius* but its strength is in fine works by academic painters little known in this country. **National Gallery**, Trafalgar Square, *WC2 (071-839 3321)*. Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, midday-6pm, until July 11. Closed Bank holiday Monday

HOCKNEY ON GRIMM: *This* new South Bank Centre touring exhibition concentrates on David Hockney's bizarre reflections on the Brothers Grimm's ruthless fairy-tale world. **Festival Hall** (Level 5 Foyer), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 3002). Daily, 10am-10.30pm, until May 9.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE/JAMES TURRELL: An odd mating at the Hayward Gallery brings together a retrospective of Georgia O'Keeffe *(1887-1986), close associate of* Steiglitz, leading figure of the American avant-garde, and James Turrell (born 1943), who works in pure light **Hayward Gallery**, South Bank, SE1 (071-921 0873). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm), until June 27. Closed Bank holiday *Monday*.

GEORGES BRAQUE — PRINTS: Braque produced prints of various kinds, starting with a *series of Cubist etchings, but he* really concentrated on print-making only after 1945, when he started to make lithograph and intaglio prints, producing some of his most familar images in this way. The 92 representative works in this show all come from private collections in Paris. **Tate Gallery**, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until June 27. Closed Bank holiday *Monday*.

REGIONAL

ROYAL RESIDENCES OF THE VICTORIAN ERA: Among the royal collection of drawings and watercolours which survived the Windsor fire unscathed are a number of works commissioned by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert to commemmorate the palaces in which they lived and the humbler residences they visited. The present show, *one of a series of loan* watercolour shows, has been selected to give an evocative picture of the Victorian royal family lifestyle. **Whitworth Art Gallery**, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4865). Mon-Wed, Fri, Sat, 10am-5pm, Thurs 10am-9pm, opens Fri to July 31.

ROMANESQUE: The opening show of the new Henry Moore Institute galleries in Leeds is, enterprisingly enough, not devoted to Moore or his contemporaries but instead to stone sculptures from medieval England. This offers a unique opportunity to see close-up two major series of works, from York Minster and Lincoln Cathedral **Henry Moore Institute**, 75 The Headrow, Leeds (0532 467457), Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm (Wed to 9pm), Sat-Sun, 1-5pm, until July 19.

NICHOLAS EVANS. An impressive show of the recent work of a retired Welsh miner whose claustrophobic, packed canvases caused a sensation when they were first exhibited 15 years ago. **St David's Hall**, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 342611). Daily, 10am-4.30pm. Closed Bank holiday Monday

PANORAMIC VIEWS OF ST PETERSBURG The development of Peter the Great's new Russian capital must be among the best recorded of all the world's major cities. The evidences include a whole *series of panoramic prints which* give a blow-by-blow account of the city's expansion. **Ashmolean Museum**, Beaumont Street, Oxford (0865 278000). Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm, Sun 2-4pm, until May 9.

BOOKINGS

MAYBE: Vanessa Redgrave returns to Manchester's Royal Exchange after an absence of 15 years to star in the world premiere of *Maybe*, a play about McCarthyism by the Russian dramatist Mikhail Shatrov. Keith Reddin adapts, Braham Murray directs **Royal Exchange**, Manchester (061-833 9833), July 1-August 7.

REGENT'S PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE: *The Taming of the Shrew* opens the New Shakespeare Company's season on June 1, with *Mona Lisa* star Cathy Tyson as Katherina. Judi Dench returns to the company — following her Olivier award-winning *The Boys from Syracuse* two years ago — to direct *Romeo and Juliet*, with 17-year-old Rebecca Callard making her London stage debut as Juliet (opens June 16). Rounding off the season will be the Rodgers & Hart musical *A Connecticut Yankee* (opens July 28). **Open Air Theatre**, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431/1933).



Cathy Tyson: a shrewish heroine at Regent's Park

THE VELVET UNDERGROUND. Lou Reed, John Cale, Sterling Morrison and Maureen Tucker reunite for a series of one-off dates **Edinburgh**, Playhouse (031-557 2692), June 1, 2. **London**, Forum (071-284 2200), June 5 and Wembley Arena (081-900 1234), June 6.

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: The Savoy Theatre, which closed three years ago after being destroyed by fire, will re-open on July 19 with a special gala performance by the ENB giving the world premiere of *The Savoy Suite, specially commissioned* to mark the £11 million refurbishment of the theatre. During the short season at the Savoy the company performs two separate programmes of works from the 20th century including the London premiere of *The Seven Silences of Salome* from Portuguese choreographer Olga Roriz. **Savoy Theatre**, Strand, London WC2 (tickets through First Call: 071-836 8888). July 19-24.

NEW VIDEOS

ELVIRA MADIGAN (Tartan, PG): Bo Widerberg's 1967 classic about an army officer's summer idyll with a circus girl. Vacuous as drama, but a milestone in cinematic prettiness. Mozart unwittingly provided the theme music.

OF MICE AND MEN (MGM/UA, 15): Powerful new version of Steinbeck's tale of friendship and innocence, with John Malkovich as slow-witted Lennie, director Gary Sinise as his protector. 1992.

ERIC ROHMER FILMS (Connoisseur). Three more features from the most civilised of French directors come on the market: *La Collectionneuse* (1967, sexual games on the Riviera), an exquisite adaptation of Kleist's *Die Marquise von O . . .* (1976) and *Pauline à la plage* (1983, a delightful summer frolic). *Plus Paris vu par . . .* (1964), six short films shot on the Paris streets by Rohmer, Godard, Chabrol, and other New *Wave colleagues.*

LES VALSEUSES (Tartan, 18): Bertrand Blier's ferocious, amoral, snook-cocking 1974 romp, with Gerard Depardieu and Patrick Dewaere as two roving hooligans. It still packs a punch.

Film and New Videos: Geoff Brown; **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston; **Classical, Opera:** Richard Morrison; **Rock, Jazz:** Stephanie Osborne; **Dance:** Debra Craine; **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor; **Bookings:** Karl Knight

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Plymouth brethren set sail in a vision

A newspaper office and printing works that looks like a boat has gained popular and critical appeal, writes **Marcus Binney**

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Night sailing: the staff of the *Western Morning News* work late to prepare another edition for the people of Plymouth. Gerry Ramsden, the managing director, was "amazed" at the architect's concept

Rare is the modern building that achieves critical acclaim and instant popularity. Nicholas Grimshaw's new headquarters for the *Western Morning News* outside Plymouth is set to do both. Already, parties of visitors are booked mornings, afternoons and evenings for weeks ahead.

Gerry Ramsden, the newspaper's managing director, remembers his reaction when Grimshaw first unveiled his model. "I was knocked out. Amazed." And it is hardly surprising, for what he saw looked more like a boat than a building.

A boat is, of course, an obvious analogy for a port. British Rail uses a cluster of masts to support the roof of its elegant new station at Poole, while Jeremy Dixon and Edward Jones' new Sainsbury's outside Plymouth will be dominated by huge white sails. But Grimshaw carries the symbol much further. As in his recent work at Terminal One at Heathrow Airport, he shows in Plymouth his extraordinary ability to take a metaphor and work it right through the detail without it seeming forced or contrived.

The curving plan was prompted by the company's desire to ensure the new building settled into the hillside of the business park in which it stands. As he developed the design, Grimshaw found he could use the curve on both flanks, bringing order through symmetry. But what makes the design so revolutionary and breathtaking are the outward-tilting glass walls. Grimshaw says: "The company wanted its new printing presses to be visible from outside, and I introduced the slope to avoid sky reflections on the glass, rather like the curved shop windows at Heals."

The huge sheets of glass are without frames and set only in neat fillets of black silicone. "We worked out the geometry with the engineer, Peter Rice, who died, alas, before the building was complete," Grimshaw says. "He was a brilliant mathematician and said anything is possible. But I can't just draw a shape. I must have a mathematical logic. Every piece of glass can't be different. The solution is that the tops and bottoms of the glass are always parallel. It's the slope of the sides that makes the transition to the pointed prow. In the end it was quite an easy cutting job and the building was surprisingly simple to put up."

Tension rods from a series of giant tusk-like arms, each with a pronounced curve, support the sheets of glass with a simplicity that would steal the breath of an 18th-century master rigger. Rarely since Guimard designed the famous Art Nouveau Metro entrances in Paris has an architect produced castings of such organic sculptural quality. Grimshaw explains: "We sculpted the arms in my office, first in polystyrene, then in wood. It's a combination of craftsmanship and technology."

Here is a design with the sinewy power of Calatrava and the lightness and transparency of Foster. The concept of the glass curtain wall is carried to its ultimate conclusion by separating the glass skin not only from the supports but from the floors within.

People enter the building through sliding glass doors leading into an atrium shaped like a giant spearhead: broad at one end, pointed at the other. Metal-framed gangways and straight flights of steel steps with open treads continue the ship analogy. There is even a metallic ring underfoot. Grimshaw shows his mastery by reducing the design to a remarkably small number of repeating parts. The same is evident in the colours: white, grey and natural wood.

One of the best features is the free-standing staircase with symmetrical ramps poised as cleverly as a house of cards. Half-landings are suspended in mid-air with curved balconies, like poops, inviting one to pause and survey the scene. "It's like a country house stair, big enough to do a lot on," says Grimshaw. He takes particular pleasure in seeing people leaning on the raised wooden handrail. "We took immense trouble to find the best height, shape and angle to rest on," he says.

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The office space is of two types — for the executives largely glass-walled rooms with Venetian blinds overlooking the atrium, and a continuous run of open-plan space for editorial, advertising and marketing departments, enjoying the full panorama through the all-glass walls. One nice touch is the way in which the gangways slope up as they approach the managing director's office at the prow. "It's to show who's in charge," quips his secretary.

One depressing aspect of modern offices are the suspended ceilings, weighed down with light fittings, vents and acoustic panels. Grimshaw breaks with convention and opens each level to its full, generous height. "People prefer a studio feel. Everyone reacted against false ceilings. They feel quite strongly about this," Grimshaw says.

The crowning feature of the building is the boardroom, which soars through the roof like an airport control tower or a ship's bridge. Windows naturally slope outwards. From here can be seen the highest point on south Dartmoor and an overview of Grimshaw's well detailed roof with every vent symmetrically ordered.

Internally, the building is divided by a massive wall separating offices from print works. Special galleries are provided for the public to watch the stages of production. Huge rolls of paper are picked up by fork-lift trucks and lowered onto tiny trolleys which slide along a single slotted rail with a turntable every few yards, so they can trundle zigzag fashion to the printing machines.

From the galleries can be seen unending rolls of paper racing through the presses up and down the height of the building. The showmanship continues as the cut and folded newspapers, each on its individual clothes hook, do a victory lap over as many switchbacks as a big dipper in a funfair.

The principal teething problem is that the low winter sun, shining almost horizontally, has been stronger than expected. Large white canvasses have been hastily draped in front of some of the south-facing offices (custom-designed blinds will soon arrive). The full-height open space in the prow of the building is rapidly becoming cluttered with office supplies. Not quite the appropriate treatment for the climax of the design.

THEATRE: David Farr's new tale of manipulation

Rum do by the sea

Hove
Cottesloe

MURRAY GOLD once lived in the room next to mine. Sometimes I heard strange noises. Then tonight, there they were again, echoing round the Cottesloe. Gold's menacing drum beats and eerie synthesized sounds — from tribal rhythms to classical harpsichord — are the saving grace of *Hove*, the latest devised piece by young director David Farr, founder of the acclaimed Talking Tongues.

This new work lacks the fast pace, punch and all-out wackiness of *Glue Wedding*, co-written by Farr and Gold and seen at the Edinburgh Festival in 1991. Gold's score, backing many a slow, dull scene, pumps suspense and mystery into this quirky tale of a seaside guesthouse. Clare, a spy for some higher power, infiltrates this establishment disguised as a visitor. But secretly she is planning the demolition of the building and the manipulation of the inhabitants: the landlady; her son, who is enamoured of a homeless girl: an actress having an affair with a politician; a writer; and an aging expert on coastal erosion, with a crush on the landlady.

Hove is eclectic, with hints of Peter Greenaway's *Drowning by Numbers* (power games and hidden agendas, beaches and joggers and an obsession with lists) but also of Bond movies. Clare and the writer (the comically deep-voiced, smooth-talking Will Keen) are both incognito and suspicious of each other. And in true Fleming tradition they are sexually willing, even as they do the dirty on each other. But perhaps the work has its firmest roots in those BBC detective thrillers set in the English outback.

Here, interestingly, Farr has squeezed the genre through the creative mangle and it emerges on the far side as surreal theatre. The aging lodger — the funny and touching Alan David — lectures us on oceanic wave motion out of the blue; the son runs on the spot, almost achieving knee-to-shoulder contact while staring through binoculars, and munches through 50-odd green apples as a bizarre declaration of love; the actress and the politician pretend to be JFK and Monroe; and as the cast freeze when the hotel finally collapses (seen as a model), Clare puts smiles, by force, on everyone's faces.

The mangle certainly leaves reality intriguingly distorted, but also undeniably flat. Though sprinkled with sharp moments, stylishness and witty satire, the script and, surprisingly, the staging are thin on inspiration, while the characters are two-dimensional. Mandana Jones does wonders with a thankless part (the homeless girl), neurotically hugging herself and darting her eyes sideways, everything hidden but her face in a vast woollen chrysalis of old clothes.

Yet Lindy Alexander (the landlady) seems wooden and Rachel Joyce (Clare) hollowly acts mysteriousness and seductiveness without her motivations ever being explained. There are problems here with incoherence and obscurity. *Hove* could do with a detective. As it stands, disappointingly, it is not much cop.

KATE BASSETT

CONCERTS

Pandemonium as the paper bags go pop

LPO/Welser-Möst
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IN HIS music, as in his jackets, HK Gruber's regard for taste and tone is highly questionable. For the performance of his *Frankenstein!!*, described as a "pan-demonium after children's rhymes", with the London Philharmonic under Franz Welser-Möst, Gruber officiated as "chansonnier", enabling him to demonstrate the authentically abrasive nasal tone required for the work.

Reports that the toy instruments called for (Gruber grunted through a miniature saxophone, members of the LPO had to pop paper bags and whistle or wave brightly coloured objects of various shapes and sizes), not to mention the general sense of anarchy, had provoked a walkout at a performance in Birmingham lent an expectant air to the occasion.

But whether or not one enjoyed this Gothic horror farrago (I found it highly entertaining), it is scarcely a piece to be outraged by. Yet there is a method to this madness. H.C. Artmann's verses deal with legendary heroes and villains: James Bond, John Wayne, Superman are mentioned, while slanderous suggestions are made about the sleeping arrangements of Batman and Robin. The toy instruments are a musical parallel to what Gruber calls Artmann's "demystification of heroic villains or villainous heroes". And that demystification gives us pause to consider the heroes or monsters of public life.

The coupling of *Frankenstein!!* with Mahler's *Das Lied von der Erde* was a shrewd bit of programming. Mahler, too, was unafraid to embrace the demotic. Welser-Möst's performance, however, was not one that penetrated anywhere near the heart of Mahler. Whatever the mode — euphoric in the Drinking Song, elegiac in the slower movements — it all sounded pedestrian and uninspired.

Mezzo-soprano Doris Soffel occasionally brought a touch of class to the proceedings, but the tenor, Thomas Sunnegårdh, strained disagreeably to be heard in the opening movement. Nor was Welser-Möst's handling of his orchestra any more sophisticated. This, if any, was a performance to walk out of.

Lukas Ligeti, son of György, must have had a problem similar to that of Siegfried Wagner. But he has dealt with the question of his paternal legacy by infusing his music with elements of jazz, rock, hip-hop and world music. In *Groove Magic*, given its premiere by the London Sinfonietta the following evening, he set his players the taxing task of responding to individual metronomic beats (relayed to them via headphones), but with a flair and energy that gripped the attention.

Gruber, conducting the concert, was represented again by his newly revised Violin Concerto No 1, given a sympathetic performance by Ernst Kovacic. The way Gruber has a flute take over imperceptibly from soft violin harmonics is just one example of his enviable ear for novel but appealing sonorities.

Kurt Schwertsik exhibited some of the same resourcefulness in *Music From Mu* and in the set of Transformation Scenes written as interludes for his opera *The Wondrous Tale of Fanferlizzy Sunnyfeet*. In these, and particularly in the jazzy pendant (following the custom of Viennese operetta for a *Nachtanz*, or final dance number), Schwertsik, like Gruber and Ligeti, demonstrated conclusively that modern music can have substance and still be fun.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Verdi cycle on track for the front rank

OPERA RECORDS



Levine: full of gravitas

Sony's Verdi cycle, using the forces of New York's Metropolitan Opera under James Levine, gets better and better. **Don Carlo** (S3K 52 500, 3CDs) goes straight into the front rank, thanks mainly to Levine's command of the piece as he moves easily between ceremonial and the personal confrontations at the heart of the opera. Levine never underestimates the gravity of *Carlo*: with the possible exception of Eboli's Veil Song each number contains a warning, implicit or explicit, of danger around the corner. When Carlo is finally gathered into the arms of his ancestor, Charles V, he may count it a mighty relief. The Met's orchestra plays with grandeur and the recording is exemplary.

Vladimir Chernov, the Russian baritone, has become the linchpin of Sony's Verdi, and Rodrigo is his finest achievement on record to date. You can depend on Chernov. The voice carries health and strength with a gloriously warm timbre. The finest passages come when Rodrigo and Carlo (Michael Sylvester) sing together of friendship in the monastery of Saint-Just or of death in a Madrid prison.

Ferruccio Furlanetto is a lightweight Philip, often reaching for his lower notes. But it was cruel to put him opposite today's best exponent of that role, Samuel Ramey, now singing the Grand Inquisitor. When the two men confront one another it is no contest: Ramey holds all the vocal cards.

Aprile Millo fills her soprano with regret for the hapless Elisabetta, while Dolora Zajick has the necessary fire of jealousy as Eboli.

EMI simultaneously issues on mid-price the 1954 *Don Carlo* (0777 7 64642 2, 3 CDs), which introduced many of us to the opera on record. It contained two supreme performers: Boris Christoff as Philip and Tito Gobbi as Rodrigo, both later to be heard at Covent Garden. But the other singers were from a different league and the opera was savagely cut. Those who insist on the piece in French should stay with Abbado on DG, otherwise take Levine.

The majesty of this *Don Carlo* makes **Manon Lescaut** (Sony S2K 48 474, 2 CDs), which comes via La Scala, sound tawdry. Peter Dvorsky as Des Grieux and Nina Rautio in the title role are charmless lovers, singing with relentless volume and lacking the grace that Puccini gave them before the moral censure of Paris society set them on the rocky road to exile. Gino Quilico and Luigi Roni do better, but nobody buys a *Manon* for the Lescaut and the Geronte. Maazel conducts with a heavy hand and the sound could be brighter. Stay with Sinopoli on DG.

Erato has opted for youth on **L'elisir d'amore** (4509 91701-2, 2 CDs), led by the most promising of the new generation of Italian tenors, Roberto Alagna. The result is a delight, a soufflé of a set, as airy as it is sweet. Alagna on this showing is incapable of producing an ugly note. His Adina, Mariella Devia, is gentler than usual, rarely out of love with her Nemorino.

The all-Italian cast is completed nimbly by Pietro Spagnoli (Belcore) and Bruno Pratico (Dulcamara). The ECO skips happily through Donizetti's sunlit score under Marcello Viotti. Even in a crowded *Elisir* market, this set is highly recommended.

Philips's **Pagliacci** (434 131-2, one CD), with Riccardo Muti and Luciano Pavarotti having a second go at Leoncavallo, has come in for unjustifiably rough critical handling. The Philadelphia Orchestra players throw themselves into the piece. Pavarotti puts on a considerable show, even though Muti does his normal score "cleansing" in removing all the display notes accreted over the years.

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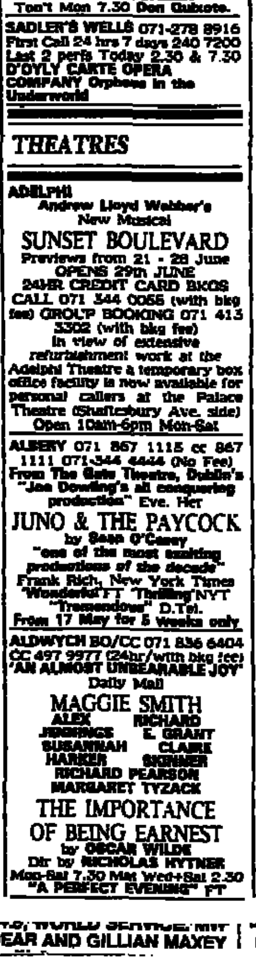
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THEATRES

DUCHESS cc 071 494 5070 cc 344 4444 (no bkg fee)/836 2428 (bkg fee) Groups 071-413 3321 Eves 8pm, Wed mat 3pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30 NOW IN ITS 3RD YEAR "A SAUCY COMEDY" E. Std **DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER** "Gloriously Outrageous" T.Out

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CONCERTS

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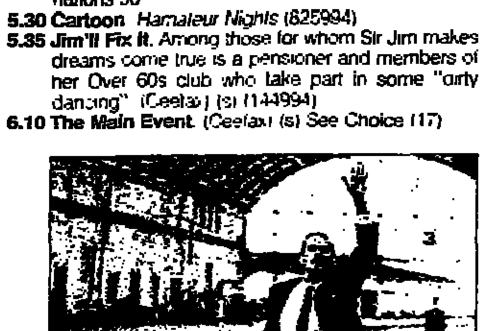
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7.00 Ceefax (5614888)
7.25 News and weather (1710913)
7.30 Pinocchio (r) (5941536) **7.50 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (5921772) **8.10 The Girl from Tomorrow**. Episode two of the 12-part science fiction drama (r) (1607888) **8.30 Potsworth & Co** (r) (36604)
9.00 Parallel 9. Today's guests include singer Louie Louie and the new lead of the West End musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Darren Day (s) (12559449)
10.55 World Snooker. Action from the semi-final between Stephen Hendry and Alan McManus in the Embassy world professional championship (s) (4854178) **12.12 Weather** (8325159)
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider The line-up is (subject to alteration) **12.20** Football Focus: Bob Wilson and Jimmy Hill review the week's crucial world cup qualifying games, **12.50** News; **12.55, 1.25** and **1.55** Racing from Haydock Park, **1.05** and **4.25** Snooker: further semi-final action from the Embassy world professional championship: **1.35** and **2.05** Rugby League: a preview, the build-up and live coverage (kick off **2.30**) of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final between Wigan and Widnes at Wembley, (79449), **4.40** Final Score (58952772) Northern Ireland: 4.55 Northern Ireland Results
5.15 News with Jennie Bond Weather (5072159)
5.25 Regional News and sport (8722826) Wales: Five nations 93
5.30 Cartoon *Hamaleur Nights* (825994)
5.35 Jim'll Fix It. Among those for whom Sir Jim makes dreams come true is a pensioner and members of her Over 60s club who take part in some "dirty dancing" (Ceefax) (s) (144994)
6.10 The Main Event. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (17)



Manic: John Cleese misses his train (7.00pm)

7.00 Film: Clockwise (1986) starring John Cleese and Alison Steadman. Cleese is in *Fawlty Towers*-form as a manic schoolmaster, obsessed with punctuality, trying to get to a teachers' conference where he is to give the keynote speech. Directed by Christopher Morahan. (Ceefax) (60438)
8.30 Birds of a Feather. The Essex girls become green in order to help save the rain forests, but Tracey becomes concerned about her son Garth's sexual inclinations when he arrives with a boy from his boarding school. Starring Pauline Quirke, Linda Robson and Lesley Joseph (r). (Ceefax) (7246)
9.00 Westbeach Drama serial about two business rival families in a south coastal town (106265)
9.50 News with Michael Buerk (Ceefax) Sport and weather (913265)
10.10 That's Life! Consumer affairs series (Ceefax) (s) (762371)
10.50 Match of the Day introduced by Desmond Lynam. Highlights from two of today's Premier League games. The commentators are John Motson and Barry Davies (s) (632791) Northern Ireland. Match of the Day from Northern Ireland
11.50 Film: Laguna Heat (1987) starring Harry Hamlin and Catherine Hicks. A made-for-television thriller, based on the best-seller by T Jefferson Parker, about a former policeman, investigating the death of an old family friend, the clues of which point worringly at his parents. Directed by Simon Langton (371934) Northern Ireland 12.05am-1.30 Film: Evil of Frankenstein **1.30am Weather** (2429531)

BBC2

6.40 Open University: Chemistry — Samples for Analysis (9149888) **7.05** Learning and Doing Maths (5604401) **7.30** Toulouse: Money and Power in Provincial France (9155888) **7.55** Health Visiting and the Family (5942265) **8.20** Biology Form and Function: Nerves (1618994) **8.45** Cragside House - from Lodge to Palace (6124420) **9.10** Desert Ecology (1045468) **9.35** Steels, Stars and Spectra (2717772) **10.00** Discovering 16th-century Strasbourg (4652555) **10.25** Our Health in Our Hands (5763517) **10.50** Kedleston Hall. Robert Adam's Greatest Designs (7246569) **11.15** IT for You (8191492) **11.40** Sexual Selection: the Courtship of Peacocks (2481081) **12.05** Poland. Democracy and Change (7727684) **12.30** Managing Schools — Making Teams Work **12.55** Modern Art — the Colonial Encounter **1.20** Curriculum and Learning: Ways with Words (84138081) **1.45** Learning for All. Learning to Care (Ceefax) (25258197) **2.10** Metal Handicap "No Problem's Too Big" (49761791) **2.35** Competing Through Quality (5471265)
3.00 Film: The Big Steal (1949, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum, William Bendix and Jane Greer. Well-made robbery caper about an American army officer, framed for the theft of a payroll, who makes for Mexico, hunting the real perpetrators. Directed by Don Siegel (6449517)
4.10 Scrutiny (4350604)
4.40 World Snooker. The conclusion of the first semi-final of the Embassy world professional championship, from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield (s) (8588807). Wales: 5.20-5.45 Wales on Saturday
5.45 Rugby Special Highlights of the Pilkington Cup final between Harlequins and Leicester at Twickenham (s) (6932994)
7.00 News, sport and weather (236772)
7.15 World Snooker. The second semi-final, between Jimmy White and James Wattana (s) (423333)
8.00 Eyre on Eyre. Richard Eyre, director of the Royal National Theatre, talks to Mark Lawson about his work for television, a season of which begins on Wednesday with *Just a Boy's Game* (9081)
8.30 Have I Got News For You A repeat of yesterday's edition of the irreverent topical quiz hosted by Angus Deayton. With regular team captains are Richard Littlejohn of *The Sun* and comedian Frank Skinner (s) (5888)



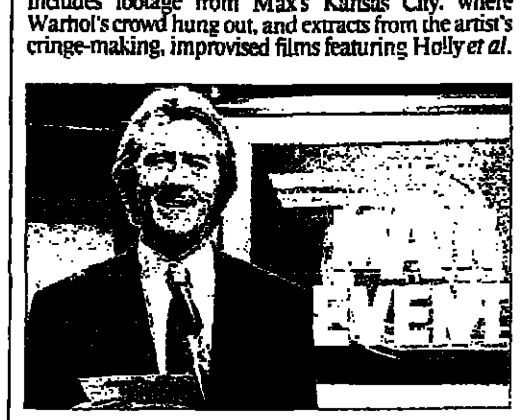
Lyrical inspiration: transsexual Holly (9.00pm)

9.00 Tales Of Rock 'n' Roll (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (463062)
9.45 The Second Heimat: A New Generation (colour and b/w) Episode three of Edgar Reitz's 13-part film cycle. It is now 1961, and Evelyne comes to Munich to study the oboe and singing. Starring Gisella Muller. In German with English subtitles (s) (666888)
11.40 World Snooker. The concluding frames of the second semi-final (s) Ends at **1.40am** (123284)

CHOICE

Tales of Rock 'n' Roll: Walk on the Wild Side
BBC2, 9.00pm

This fascinating series tonight concentrates on Lou Reed's daring rock song, "Walk on the Wild Side". The lyrics, it seems, were inspired by Reed's flamboyant friends from Andy Warhol's entourage. Transsexual Holly and transvestites, Jackie and Candy, were among his buddies as was street hustler Joe Dallesandro, alias Little Joe in the song. Of those named, only Holly and Joe are around to tell the tale, but they do so with style. "The song is completely true about me hitchhiking from Miami at the age of 15-and-a-half", boasts Holly lolling seductively on a sofa. As well as explaining the song, the documentary includes footage from Max's Kansas City, where Warhol's crowd hung out, and extracts from the artist's cringe-making, improvised films featuring Holly *et al*.



Family game show: Chris Tarrant (BBC1, 6.10pm)

The Main Event
BBC1, 6.10pm

The ubiquitous Chris Tarrant takes on one of his more ill-advised projects as host to this new game show teaming families in their homes with celebrities in the studio. Unlike the best such programmes which rely on a single good idea, *The Main Event* (despite its title) offers a mish-mash of little games. Some of these involve the studio teams, in this case a group from *The Bill* and a group from *Casualty*, but usually we have to contend with the two competing *families squinting at* the camera from their sitting rooms. Quizzes, treasure hunts, celebrity mimes — all human gamesmanship is here — but sadly no excitement.

Adventures: Passage out of Paradise
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Take 16 westerners and turn them into a group of ancient sailors. If it sounds like a recipe for disaster, that's all part of the fun for eccentric Australian organiser Bob Hobman. This excellent film traces the voyage of eight two-person crews as they set sail in fragile Balinese fishing boats called jukungs. The idea is to race across the Timor Sea to Cape York following the route supposedly taken by Australia's first settlers. Hobman himself, though a seasoned adventurer, takes a back seat, lording it on a companion boat. This in itself irritates his novice crews and before long there are rumblings of mutiny.

Life on a String
Channel 4, 10.30pm

The imagination is king in Chen Kaige's poetic picture, which, like his acclaimed first film, *Yellow Earth*, combines sumptuous images and haunting Chinese folk songs. The simple story is about a blind old man (Liu Zhongyuan) and his blind disciple (Huang Lei). The former is obsessed with the idea of playing his banjo-like instrument until the 1000th string snaps off. At that moment he is sure he will be able to see. For the musician, banjos are better than women. The pupil disagrees; his touching haystack romance with a village girl antagonises both his master and the other villagers. The pace is at times agonisingly slow and the wonderful landscapes lose something on the small screen, but stick with it and the film is magically rewarding. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (6489264)
9.25 What's Up Doc? The last in the series presented by Yvette Fielding, Pat Sharp and Andy Crane. Includes advice on barbecues, reports on the Andean condor and the Egyptian vulture, and the result of the *Baywatch* competition (s) (61942062)
11.30 ITV Chart Show The Video Vault features Hot Chocolate with their 1982 hit "It Started with a Kiss" (r) (s) (52284) **12.30 The New Adventures Of Black Beauty**. Series based on Anna Sewell's children's novel (76710)
1.00 News and weather (77676517) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (77675888)
1.10 Movies, Movies, Movies. The latest releases reviewed (62563178)
1.40 Film: Chips, the War Dog (1990). The second of the three-part Walt Disney drama, based on fact, about a young alsatian drafted into the US Army during the second world war. Directed by Ed Kaplan (25236975)
2.10 Hard Time on Planet Earth American comedy series starring Martin Kove (5710826)
3.05 The A-Team. The resourceful quartet come to the aid of a group of elderly people who have been robbed (r) (9461230)
4.00 WCW World Wide Wrestling (5262826)
4.40 News, sports results and weather (8331791)
5.00 London Tonight (Teletext), sport and weather (5062772)
5.10 MacGyver. The first of a new series of adventures following the fortunes of a lone American special agent. In this he is in a race against time to stop a nuclear reactor from exploding and contaminating a community. Starring Harry Dean Stanton. (Teletext) (9598933)
5.50 Film: Over the Top (1986) starring Sylvester Stallone. Mawkish tale of a father competing for the custody and affection of his son with his wealthy father-in-law. The climax comes at a Las Vegas arm-wrestling contest. Directed by Menahem Golan. (Teletext) (55860791)
7.30 You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle with more home video disasters (s) (7)
8.00 The Bill. Police drama series (Teletext) (3807)
8.30 London's Burning. Another episode from the second series of the London fire brigade drama. Blue Watch is asked to deal with a nuclear incident (r) (Teletext) (26994)

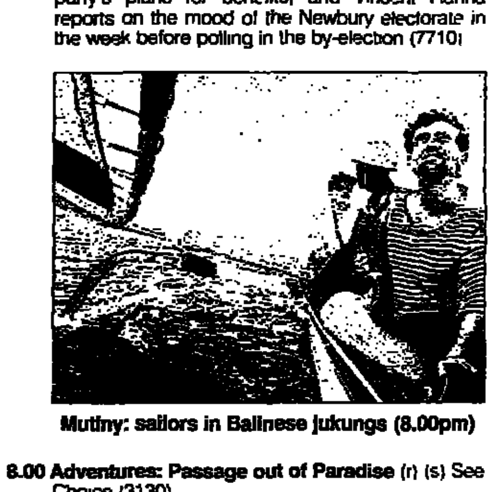


Outlaws: Sutherland, Estevez, Sheen (9.30pm)

9.30 Film: Young Guns (1988). A "brat-pack" western starring Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland and Charlie Sheen. Latter-day version of the story of Billy the Kid, in this working for a wealthy English rancher who is killed by a ruthless landowner. Directed by Christopher Cain. (Teletext) (951468)
11.15 News and weather (167569)
11.35 Miller and Mueller. Policewomen drama series set in Houston, starring Desiree Becker and Suzanne Savoy (779061)
12.35am The Big E. Magazine series for young Europeans (s) (1077821)
1.40 Basketball. Action from the American NBA league (4267840) **2.40 The New Music** (9058289)
3.40 Night Heat. Canadian police drama series starring Scott Hylands and Jeff Wincott (1767208)
4.35 BPM. News and sounds from the dance music scene (s) (9155579)
5.30 ITN Morning News (62869) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (s) (8200517) **6.25 Spiff and Hercules** (9196449) **6.35 Alfred J. Kwak**. Adventures of a musical duck (9142975) **7.00 Paddington** (1791888) **7.05 Kid 'n' Play** (r) (3088130) **7.35 King Arthur and the Knights of Justice**. Animated adventures (r) (9172555) **8.00 Betty's Bunch**. New Zealand foster family comedy series (53371)
8.30 World Tennis. The fifth of a 12-part series (52642)
9.00 News summary (7500994)
9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line (7058265)
10.00 Trans World Sport (76371)
11.00 Gazzetta Football Italia. Paul Gascoigne previews next week's important matches (63807)
12.00 Sign On A monthly review of world news for the hearing impaired (23130)
12.30 Kasak. Episode one of a new 20-part Pakistani drama about a widow working in a textile factory, determined to make it to the top against the odds. Starring Rubina Ashraf (74352)
1.00 Film: Careful, Soft Shoulder (1942, b/w) starring Virginia Bruce and James Ellison. Second world war comedy spy thriller about a Washington socialite who unwittingly helps Axis agents posing as American secret service men. Directed by Oliver H.P. Garrett (1673352)
2.15 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Mayer Parry Stakes (2.30), the Philip Cornes Nickel Alloys Maiden Stakes (3.00), the 2,000 Guineas (3.40), the Palace House Stakes (4.15) and the Ladbrokes Handicap (4.45) (78862623)
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext) (s) (9337332)
6.30 Right to Reply. Includes Peter Ansorge, Channel 4's deputy head of drama, answering critics of the domestic violence seen in yesterday's episode of *Brookside*. (Teletext) (s) (5)
7.00 A Week in Politics. Donald Dewar, MP, the Labour party's social security spokeman, is asked about his party's plans for benefits; and Vincent Hanna reports on the mood of the Newbury electorate in the week before polling in the by-election (7710)



Mutiny: sailors in Balinese jukungs (8.00pm)

8.00 Adventures: Passage out of Paradise (r) (s) See Choice (3130)
9.00 The Beiderbecke Affair. Off-beat comedy drama starring James Bolam and Barbara Flynn (3994)
10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Topical comedy series set in a television newsroom (r) (s) (31159)
10.30 Film: Life on a String (1991) (s) See Choice (97623)
12.30am Evening Shade. Comedy series starring Burt Reynolds as a small-town America high school football coach (r) (s) (1185208)
1.05 The Harp in the South. Episode three of the six-part drama about an Australian-Irish family (r) (1565005) Ends a **2.00**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Car 54, Where Are You? (63523) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (88642) **7.00** Fun Factory (9082449) **12.00** WWF Superstars (92401) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (19449) **2.00** Bewitched (6913) **2.30** The Facts of Life (6265) **3.00** Cartoons (15159) **4.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (27994) **5.00** WWF Mania (6772) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (22913) **7.00** Class of '96 (36130) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (52178) **9.00** Cops I (23178) **9.30** Cops II (94130) **10.00** WWF Mania (35401) **11.00** Entertainment Tonight (17642) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (63505) **6.30** News and Business Report (593130) **9.30** Nightline (75820) **10.00** Dayline (77536) **10.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (70062) **11.00** Dayline (34284) **11.30** Getaway (74420) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (65994) **1.30** The Reporters (66623) **2.30** Nightline (53517) **3.30** Those Were The Days (92536) **4.30** Getaway (7371) **5.00** Live at Five (38307) **6.30** Fashion TV (91536) **7.30** The Reporters (5772) **9.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (82449) **10.30** The Reporters (68401) **11.30** Fashion TV (58772) **12.30am** Getaway (93465) **1.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (46538) **2.30** Fashion TV (83918) **3.30** Target (88463) **4.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (57192) **5.30-6.00** The Reporters (79173)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (46913)
8.00 Judith (1966): Sophia Loren survives the Holocaust to search for the Nazi husband who betrayed her (61975)
10.00 Mustang Country (1976) Wilderness adventure starring Joel McCrea (18710)
12.00 Stroker Ace (1983). Comedy starring Burt Reynolds as a racing car driver (84826)
2.00pm Lies Before Kisses (1991) Jaclyn Smith's husband Ben Gazzara is accused of murdering a call-girl (997284)
3.40 Krull (1983). Ken Marshall sets out to rescue Lysette Anthony (59078265)
5.50 For Your Eyes Only (1981) Roger Moore stars as James Bond (72669555)
8.00 Fast Getaway (1991) Martial arts drama starring Cynthia Rothrock (41062)
10.00 The Exorcist III (1990) George C Scott investigates a series of sacrilegious murders (935178)
11.50 Angel Eyes Erotic drama (348710)
1.20am The Nightman (1991) A woman is seduced by the man who murdered her mother (436192)
2.55 Blind Fury (1989) Rutger Hauer protects a friend's son (5418685)
4.20 Framed (1990). Jeff Goldblum commits forgery (3170260) Ends at **5.50**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Anna Karenina (1948, b/w) Vivien Leigh stars in Tolstoy's classic (83792130)
6.25 Raid on Rommel (1971) Richard Burton leads an assault on Tobruk during the second world war (34282888)
8.00 National Lampoon's Animal House (1978): American campus comedy starring Tim Matheson and John Belushi (32352)
10.00 Dirty Harry (1971): Clint Eastwood's first outing as the maverick detective (704913) Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Bandits of Corsica (1953, b/w) Richard Greene champions the cause of righteousness (44555)
8.00 The Lives of a Bengal Lancer (1935, b/w) Adventure set in colonial India. Starring Gary Cooper and Franchot Tone (69517)
10.00 Hostile Witness (1968) Ray Milland is suspected of murder (16352)
12.00 Rogues of Sherwood Forest (1950) John Derek as Robin Hood's son (82468)
2.00pm After the Shock (1990) Drama documentary about the 1989 San Francisco earthquake (501975)
3.45 Hamlet (1990) Mel Gibson stars as the Prince of Denmark (66207634)
6.00 Sideout (1990) Beach volleyball drama (44195)
8.00 After Dark, My Sweet (1991) Jason Patric becomes embroiled in a kidnap plot with Rachel Ward and Bruce Dern (49604)
10.00 The Doors (1991) Val Kilmer plays Jim Morrison, the lead singer of the 1960s rock group (82583197)
12.20am Everybody Wins (1990) Nick Nolte and Debra Winger team up to investigate a murder (376260)
2.00 Beyond Therapy (1987) Comedy about a couple and their respective psychiatrists. Starring Glenda Jackson (29937)
4.00 Flight of the Intruder (1991): Brad Johnson and Willem Dafoe carry out an air raid on Hanoi (708043) Ends at **5.55**

SKY SPORTS

6.30am Netbusters (20642) **7.00** The Big League (48536) **9.00** San Marino Grand Prix (20791) **10.00** The Boot Room (50371) **11.00** Soccer (47807) **12.00** Fishing (60284) **12.30pm** Sports Special (88178) **1.00** Sports Saturday (4253710) **6.00** British Motorsport (96197) **7.00** US PGA Golf: Houston Open (734130) **9.30** Basketball (131934) **12.00** Golf: Cannes Open (19376) **2.00-4.00am** Ringside (76869)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (56555) **8.00** Motorsport (58265) **9.00** Motorcycling (42888) **9.30** NBA Basketball (62130) **10.00** Boxing (52739) **11.00** ATP Tennis, Madrid (5747333) **3.00** WTA Tennis (10536) **5.00** Judo (3468) **6.00** Ice Hockey (750178) **8.30** ATP Tennis, Atlanta (43062) **10.30** Boxing (65159) **11.30-1.00am** Tennis (84772)

UK GOLD

6.00am Rainbow (35885401) **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (35813284) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (1909555) **7.00** Chocky's Children (4548941) **7.30** Owl TV (7629456) **8.00** Lassie (8456333) **8.30** Rentaghost (8455604) **9.00** The Raccoons (8479284) **9.30** Bucky O'Hare (2343333) **10.00** Jem (1990807) **10.30** Dungeons and Dragons (8475463) **11.00** Film: A Lady Without a Passport (1950, b/w) starring Hedy Lamarr (96942246) **12.15pm** Film: Some Girls Do (1969) starring Richard Johnson (6352420) **1.50** Bless This House (2635913) **2.45** EastEnders (20945420) **5.30** The Chronicles of Narnia (4918130) **6.00** A Dorothy L Sayers Mystery. Gaddy Night (2362468) **7.00** Bless This House (4569449) **7.30** Streets Apart (4935807) **8.00** Bergerac (4274265) **9.00** Who Pays the Ferryman (4254401) **10.00** Film: Maxie (1985) starring Glenn Close (1841710) **11.50** KYTV (1357130) **12.20am** Mornin Sarge (3693734) **12.50-2.00** In Concert. Lulu (33025376)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (45536) **7.00** Storybreak (98130) **7.30** Kaboodle (17265) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (76587) **8.30** RatKan II (780604) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (93975) **12.00** Dungeons and Dragons (30565) **1.00pm** Pugwall's Summer (16975) **2.00** Widabout (2517) **2.30** The Bartlays (8807) **3.00** The Guys Next Door (2747265) **3.35** Round the Twist (2458642) **4.00** Electric Stringvest (16826) **5.00** Film: Just Us (6197) **5.30** Fifteen (2623) **6.00-7.00** Fame (36739)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (76710) **1.10** Wrestling (5445420) **2.00** The A-Team (5714642) **2.55-4.40** Film: North Beach and Rawhide (34231826) **5.00-5.10** Anglia News (5062772) **11.35** Golden Globe Awards (385197) **1.15am** Kojak (1563647) **2.10** Hollywood Report (2342173) **2.35** BPM (9059918) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (6417869) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (9155579)

BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (76710) **1.10** Granada Sport: Kick Off (5445420) **2.00-4.40** Granada Sport Action (18650468) **5.00-5.10** Border News (5062772) **11.35** Golden Globe Awards (385197) **1.15am** Kojak (1563647) **2.10** Hollywood Report (2342173) **2.35** BPM (9059918) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (6417869) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (9155579)

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm Movies, Movies, Movies (76710) **1.10** IndyCar 93 (62563178) **1.40** Wheels in Sport (25246352) **2.05-3.05** Film: Spooner (5701178) **5.00** Central News (8705159) **5.05-5.10** The Central Match Goals Extra (8797130) **11.35** Film, Sole Survivor (481866) **1.20am** Shannon's Deal (1588956) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (47573) **2.45** America's Top Ten (97014) **3.15** Action Sports (47537) **4.00** Jobfinder (9634734) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6021821)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (76710) **1.10** IndyCar 93 (62563173) **1.40** Davy Crockett (7355826) **2.35** Film: Omar Khayyam (51854820) **4.30-4.40** Cartoon Time (8374975) **5.00-5.10** HTV West News and Sport (5062772) **11.35** Golden Globe Awards (385197) **1.15am** Kojak (1563647) **2.10** Hollywood Report (2342173) **2.35** BPM (9059918) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (6417869) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (9155579)

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 5.00-5.10 HTV Wales News and Sport

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today (76710) **1.10** IndyCar 93 (62563178) **1.40** Film: Roller Boogie (79895153) **3.35-3.55** Cartoon (7509848) **5.00** Meridian News (8705159) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (8797130) **11.45** The Equalizer (263897) **12.40am** The Big E (4370937) **1.35** Film: The Informers (352531) **3.30-4.30** Basketball (89753)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (76710) **1.10** The A-Team (1682420) **2.05** Darts (338517) **3.45-4.40** McCloud (5556791) **5.00-5.10** Tyne Tees Saturday (5062772) **11.35** Beverly Hills 90210 (663933) **12.30am** Film: Getting Wasted (225647) **2.20** BPM (3190555) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (9061163) **4.20-5.30** Cue the Music (3430983)

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (76710) **1.10** Saturday Sport (77689081) **1.20** IndyCar 93 (62553791) **1.50** Transworld Sport (7344710) **2.45** Cartoon (3320791) **2.50-3.55** The A-Team (9006536) **5.00** UTV Live (8705159) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (8797130) **11.35** Golden Globe Awards (385197) **1.15am** Kojak (1563647) **2.10** Hollywood Report (2342173) **2.35** BPM (9059918) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (6417869) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (9155579)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (76710) **1.10** Film. The Deep Six (Alan Ladd, William Bendix, Dianne Foster) (61300541) **3.15** Baywatch (8766082) **4.10-4.40** IndyCar 93 (4347130) **5.00-5.10** Westcountry Weekend Latest (5062772) **11.35** Golden Globe Awards (385197) **1.15am** Kojak (1563647) **2.10** Hollywood Report (2342173) **2.35** BPM (9059918) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (6417869) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (9155579)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (76710) **1.10** The A-Team (1682420) **2.05** Film: The Captain's Table (338517) **3.45-4.40** McCloud (5556791) **5.00-5.10** Calendar News (5062772) **11.35** Beverly Hills 90210 (663933) **12.30am** Film: Getting Wasted (225647) **2.20** BPM (3190555) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (9061163) **4.20-5.30** Cue the Music (3430983)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM until 6.00am) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** David Bowie Story (5/6) **3.00** Johnnie Walker **5.30** The Saturday Rock Show **7.30** In Concert: Joe Satriani **8.30** Loose Talk **9.00** Andy Kershaw: Los Lonnes de la Sierra and Joe Ely in session **11.00** John Peel (FM from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Colin Berry **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** The News Huddlines (r) **2.00** Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** Eve Pollard and guest Linda Agran **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough's New Country **6.05** Vince Hill's Solid Gold Music Show **7.00** As Time Goes By (5/6) **7.30** An Evening with the BBC Singers **9.30** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton (r) **1.00-4.00** John Terrett with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **Noon**. **6.00am** World Service. Newshour **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Get Set **10.30** Hopalong Cassidy, **11.00** Go! **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (as R4 at 9.05am) **12.30pm** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five: Rugby League. Widnes v Wigan. Rugby Union: Pilkington Cup final from Twickenham. Snooker: world championship. Racing from Newmarket 3.40 The 2,000 Guineas **5.00** Sports Report **6.05** Six-O-Six **7.30** Airopop Worldwide **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** The Way Out **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Jazz Now and Then **5.45** Worldbrief **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** People and Politics **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Worldbrief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Printer's Devil **11.15** Letter from America **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.01** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Sportsworld **6.00** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.01** Breakfast of Champions **8.15** The Making of the Middle East **8.45** From the Weeklies **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Personal View **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Jazz for the Asking **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** News **1.30** The Ken Bruce Show **2.00** News **2.01** Play of the Week: Phoenix **3.00** News **3.30** The Language of Flowers **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** CD Countdown **12.00** Nicky Horne **3.00pm** Adrian Love **6.00** Classic America **7.00** World Opera Season: Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala Milan, under Tullio Serafin performs Verdi's *Rigoletto* With Maria Callas **10.00** Six of the Best **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

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6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Chris Evans **1.00pm** Emperor Rosko **3.00** Dave Fanning **5.00** Kevin Greening **7.00** Tommy Rivers **9.00** Mitch Johnson **12.00** Nick Abbot **3.00-6.00am** Sandy Beech

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Luther and Music **6.55** Weather
7.00 Record Review, with Paul Gunery. Pfitzner (Fantasy, Op 56: Bamberg SO under Werner Andreas Albert), Tchaikovsky (Theme and Variations, Op 19 No 6: Viktoria Postnikova, piano); Hotteterre (Suite No 1 for two treble instruments and continuo: Ensemble Isabella d'Este). Schubert (Symphony No 3 in D: Northern Sinfonia under Heinrich Schiff), Brahms (Violin Sonata in A, Op 100. Augustin Dumay, violin, Maria-Jaó Pires, piano), Poulenc (Gloria: Catherine Dubosc, soprano, Westminster Singers, City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox) **9.00 News**
9.05 Record Review continues with Richard Osborne. **Building a Library**: Includes reviews of Schumann (Kreisleriana), operas by Korngold and Krenek on the Decca label, **10.35 Record Release**. Hoffmann (Undine — excerpt. Choir of St Hedwig's, Berlin, Berlin RSO under Roland Bader); Krenek (*Jonny spielt auf* — excerpt: Leipzig Opera Chorus; Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Lothar Zagrosek). George Pratt on Teldec's reissues of the early-music series, *Das alte Werk*, including Telemann (Suite in A minor: Frans Brüggen, recorder; South West German CO under Friedrich Tilegant) **1.00pm News**
1.05 Schubert's Piano Sonatas. Andras Schiff plays Sonata in A flat, D557; Sonata in B, D575, Sonata in G, D894. Including at **1.45** interval: Reading
2.35 Mozart: Clarinet Trio in E flat, K498, Kegelstatt (Antony Pay, clarinet, Jan Schlapp, viola, Linda Nicholson, fortepiano) (r)
3.00 Leonard Bernstein: Bernstein and the Opera. The third of ten programmes exploring Bernstein's legacy as composer, conductor and pianist. Verdi (Falstaff, Act 1, sc 1: Vienna PO): Strauss (Der Rosenkavalier, Act 2 — Presentation of the Silver Rose: Vienna PO); Wagner (Tristan und Isolde, Act 1 — Isolde's Narration: Bavarian RSO). Beethoven (Fidelio — excerpts: Vienna State Opera Chorus; Vienna PO)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Opera News, with James Naughtie
6.30 Brahms: Piano Quartet in C minor, Op 60 (Capricorn) (r)
7.10 Norma: Gordon Stewart presents Ian Judge's new production of Bellini's opera, live from the Theatre Royal, Glasgow. Scottish Opera Chorus and Orchestra under John Mauceri perform Act 1. **8.45** Richard Jarman, managing director of Scottish Opera, talks about the coming season under the new music director, Richard Armstrong; and Mary Miller and Max Loppert discuss the impact of John Mauceri, the outgoing music director **9.05** Act 2
10.15 Swallow: Every year, Robert Manson Myers spends the summer in England. He talks to Piers Plowright about the place, the people and the literature
10.30 Impressions. Brian Morton introduces sets performed at Keith Tippett's Rare Music Club in Bristol in February. With Mary Wiegold, soprano, and the Composers Ensemble, Pauline Cato, and the improvisation trio Mujician
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day with James Whitbourn **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway joins the ABTA conference in Majorca and visits Menorca
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Conversation with Ned Sherrin
11.00 News: The Week in Westminster, with Peter Riddell of *The Times*
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box, presented by Alison Mitchell
12.25pm The News Quiz, chaired by Barry Took **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Sue MacGregor chairs a discussion in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, between Robin Cook, MP, shadow trade secretary; Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the TSB; David Mellor, MP, and Cristina Odone, editor of the *Catholic Herald* (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm
2.30 Taking the Devils Advice: Richard O'Callaghan and Jenny Agutter star in Mike Walker's dramatisation of Anne Fine's story about philosophy and the poisoning of a shameless hussy with a blackcurrant tart (r)
3.45 Stephen Pile Investigates why Britain is a nation of monoglots (r)
4.00 News; Ice Cream to Eskimos: Marcus Leigh reports on the progress of three advertising agencies as they tackle some awkward accounts
4.30 Science Now, with Peter Evans
5.00 The Living World. Jessica Holm tracks otters along the River Taw in north Devon
5.25 Tea Junction with Patrick Hannan and guests **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and Sports Round-Up
6.25 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news
6.50 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson talks to social workers in Newcastle
7.20 Kaleidoscope: Industrial Archaeology Comes of Age. Chris Eldon Lee travels to Poland, Germany and Wales to look at the last remnants of the Industrial Revolution
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre. Crippen. See Choice
9.20 Music In Mind: Brian Kay presents favourite melodies
9.50 Ten to Ten 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Trivia Test Match. Brian Johnston umpires another test of wit and general knowledge from IBM Hursley Cricket Club, near Winchester. In bat: Tim Rice and Willie Rushton, with Leslie Thomas and Christopher Martin-Jenkins (r)
10.45 Nobody's Perfect. People in certain professions can be easy targets for criticism. In the first of four programmes, doctors are given the chance to rebuke their patients. Reporter Neil Walker
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes (r). See Choice
11.30 Dracula: Episode four of Bram Stoker's epic vampire tale (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Saturday Night Theatre: Crippen. *Radio 4, 7.50pm.*
William Ingram's play puts words into the wife-killer's mouth that he never uttered, and into his diary words he never wrote. Not that all the words spoken tonight by Charles Kay's Crippen are Ingram's. He based his play on Emlyn Williams's book *Dr Crippen's Diary*, which was fiction rooted in fact. *Crippen*, in other respects just a re-telling of the horrible murder story, is different because, for the first time, Crippen defends himself from beyond the grave. His victim (Sue Broomfield) comes over as an incredibly loud-mouthed gorgon.

Richard Baker Compares Notes. *Radio 4, 11.00pm.*
Ronald Leith, who doubles as carillonneur of Aberdeen's St Nicholas Church and organist of the city's Roman Catholic cathedral, apologises to Baker for his bells' loss of sonority when they are heard on the BBC's tape recording. But probably only expert campanologists will be able to detect the difference. When Leith strokes the levers of his manual, and his toccata, prelude and improvisation go ringing out over the rooftops of Aberdeen, it makes music that is *nonpareil*. **Peter Davalle**

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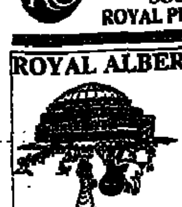
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From low life to soaring comedy



After you're through weeping at *Gone With the Wind* on Monday (or screaming your throat sore at the wimpiness of Leslie Howard), it's time to go travelling around the world. You can squeeze into a car with Robbie Coltrane in America, or try Australia — the Outback or a women's barrack room. And if a crocodile burger isn't your choice of the day, there's Napoleonic Spain for a spot of rifle-toting, or the disturbing aftermath of a *crime passionnel* in Luxembourg.



Maiden voyager: Frances Wharton relishing the Outback



Waxing expansively: Robbie Coltrane describes his American tour (Tuesday, ITV, 8.30pm)

Arena: Tales of Rock 'n' Roll: Walk on the Wild Side
Today, BBC2, 9pm
"Andy just loved glamorous women *so* much... and around that time he just didn't know any." "Andy" is Andy Warhol. The time is the mid-1960s and the speaker is Holly Woodlawn, a low-life drag queen and Warhol movie "star". (S)he is one of five characters whose grungy search for glamour and identity was celebrated in Lou Reed's song "Walk on the Wild Side", and Woodlawn is one of the two who has managed to survive.

Like the Warhol films and the Reed song, this programme is an excellent document of extreme New York culture. (Unlike the Warhol films, it is never boring but, like the Warhol films, it can be shocking.) Interviews with survivors and contemporary film clips reveal the strange alchemy that converted longing and psychopathology into art and a genuine, if skewed, glamour. "You look like Errol Flynn," Andy Warhol would say to a stoned, star-struck boy. "Take your clothes off."

A lot of the people in the Warhol scene were doomed. But for some, their wasted lives made more than waste. As Woodlawn says: "I saw my name in lights; it was everything I'd ever lived for..."

Coltrane in a Cadillac
Tuesday, ITV, 8.30pm
It's a formula series, but a good formula. Take a large, witty celebrity, give him a large, beautiful car, and follow him as he drives across America from Los Angeles to New York. Robbie Coltrane is an enjoyable travelling companion. He's always good for a natty line of description ("It's all a bit hairdressy in here," he says of Las Vegas, "the colour of a tart's handbag"), and even if you don't share his obsession with vintage cars — is it because they're built on the same scale as him? — when he says "beauty comes from Detroit and her name is Cadillac", you're almost persuaded.

Maiden Voyages
Tuesday, Channel 4, 8.30pm
A similar formula, but more adventurous. Instead of a Scottish comedian with a taste for sharp suits, we have a Mancunian single mother with a ring in her nose. Instead of a Cadillac, she has a little Yamaha motor bike. And instead of cross-country America, the journey is through the Outback of Australia. It's an astonishing place, and this week's Maiden Voyager, the delighted Frances Wharton, shows a suitable astonishment. She encounters country that's beautiful and stark, subject to drought and floods, which is lived on by some very tough characters. She visits a farmer, Robin, who relishes the challenge of drought to prove herself against. Then Ms Wharton rides 250 miles to the next town of Fitzroy Crossing, and meets Peter, evacuated from his Liverpool orphanage in 1938 ("injected a bit of brains in the Aussies"), who tells of his courtship to his Aborigine bride, a dangerous romance which culminated in him throwing her into the river, battling off six men of her tribe, then diving in after his new wife.

Ms Wharton relishes it all: the stunning white church in a red-dust town, its altar decorated with shells and mother of pearl; the friendly gang of ugly-looking bikers; the dance at the Aborigine disco; even the encounter with a Snappy Burger ("succulent crocodile slurping in our special dressing"). She's enjoying her temporary freedom so much that she can't help but convey her wonder at it all brilliantly.

40 Minutes: Ladies in Lines
Tuesday, BBC2, 9.50pm
The programme follows 46 recruits to the Australian army as they go through their 12-week initiation course. This sort of documentary always works: television is excellent at showing a group of people undergoing stress in a closed environment. The twist here is that the recruits are women, and this somehow increases your sympathy for them.

It's hard to imagine a man sobbing in the barber's chair as Recruit Stewart does when she receives her military crop. (Stewart is the primary focus of the programme; is that because she's the prettiest of the recruits?) Or, like Recruit Squires, being discovered sleeping with her fluffy koala teddy bear. (The bear is confiscated and she is made to sleep with her rifle instead.)

Most get through the course, a few fail. Along the way teeth are chipped, legs are bloodied, egos bruised, in the odd aim of turning frightened girls into women soldiers in a man's army, where they'll never be sent into active combat. Ms Stewart, who had dreamily imagined the possibility of breaking a limb in order to get off the course, ends up liking what she has become, military crop notwithstanding. And, of course, the bogey-woman, Corporal Glenn, who seems so monstrous at the beginning ("I will not stand for unhygienic females in my section," she roars, as loudly and harshly as any male drill sergeant), is described at the end as "a wonderful person" by one of the toughened recruits.

Sharpe
Wednesday, ITV, 8pm
Set in the Napoleonic wars, this is the gung-ho tale of a slightly bruised bruiser who is promoted from the ranks after saving the Duke of Wellington's life. He is put in command of six dodgy riflemen — a sort of Dirty Half-Dozen — and given A Secret Mission to perform.

It's sometimes reassuring to watch a programme that seems so *innocent*. Strong men, slightly weaker women, beautiful scenery, a good guy who's English, an evil guy who's French, and Brian Cox being raffish on a donkey. Sean Bean is suitably handsome and tough as the eponymous hero (although Bean seems to have gone to an acting school run by asthmatics: all emotions are expressed by the ingenious means of harsh gasps for air), and David Troughton potters grandly about as the Duke of Wellington, wearing what the programme notes describe as a "large latex appendage", which is, in fact, a nose.

Tales from the Map Room: A Tissue of Lies
Thursday, BBC2, 8pm
This is the first in a six-part history of maps and map-making, which is stunning to look at and fascinating to listen to. It's about "the fiction of maps", the truths they conceal and the white lies they project.

Some of the lies are necessary — you cannot accurately present a 3-D form on a 2-D surface so you have to distort the map, particularly at its north and south poles (the size of Greenland has always scared me, but it is not as frighteningly massive as it appears) — but others are political. How do you choose which country goes at the centre? (Middle Kingdom China chose China; the imperial Britain chose Britain.) An American map produced during the Cold War showed the USSR as much bigger than it actually was in order to enlarge the psychological feeling of threat. And the USSR's maps of itself somehow neglected to include labour camps and missile sites. As the historian Michael Wood says: "The challenge to the cartographer is a massive compromise; it's symbolisation, selection, omission, exaggeration."

This series succeeds marvellously well in investigating the compromise while celebrating the art.

True Stories: Lovers on Trial
Thursday, Channel 4, 9.35pm
A grim story of lust and death in Luxembourg. An adulterous love affair climaxes in the violent death of the cuckolded husband. The two lovers, Marie-Louise Gosset and Christian Fernandez, are arrested for his murder. In comes the camera team. The cameras are allowed access to the accused and to the trial itself in a way that is so thorough and intimate it makes you glad this film couldn't possibly be made in Britain. All the same, the result is a compelling study of violent passions, deceit and guilt.

Before the trial begins, the lovers are allowed brief moments together. Separated by a prison door, they repeat their love promises and giggle together like a romantic teenage couple. Then they hold conferences with their lawyers who tell them just what nasty things they should say in court about one another. Fernandez remains desperately in love with Gosset. Her feelings are harder to gauge. Whether she's picking out which dress to wear for the trial ("Let's avoid anything see-through," her lawyer advises), or tearfully proclaiming the sexual abuses perpetrated upon her by her murdered husband (a brutal miser whose passion for vintage Mercedes Benzes was used to lure him to his killing place), she keeps her thoughts hidden behind her slightly ravaged, catlike face. "I can't wait to go to court," she says at the beginning. "I want the truth to be known."

But it's pretty clear that the truth is the last thing either of the principals or their two helpers is interested in telling. As the trial goes on, the brutal facts of the murder fall into place. And one of the most horrifying elements is the extent to which Gosset and then, finally, Fernandez do their fighting best to make the other's guilt seem so much more extreme than their own.

The Real McCoy
Friday, BBC2, 9pm
A new series of sketches and songs from the black comic team. It's a little patchy, like most skit-based programmes, but the best routines are as funny as anything you'll see elsewhere. An excellent sketch imagines Chris Eubank trying to eat breakfast, which captures him in all his pomp and grandiloquence ("Listen to me," he says, posing like a Greek statue, "I am better than any egg"). But the best routine, which manages to lampoon, mostly affectionately, both African and West Indian attitudes, introduces the character Nathaniel from Lagos, who does for accountancy students what Harry Enfield's Stavros did for kebab sellers.

Roseanne: Crime and Punishment
Friday, Channel 4, 10pm
Probably the best comedy series on television. From its vulgar titles — Roseanne stuffing a slice of pizza into her face and managing to open her mouth even wider to laugh — it continues to be funny, dry and clever about the family background, with all its nastiness and love. ("My day dealing with the family was an ice-cream cone in the dirt," says Roseanne. "How was yours?")

Next week's episode is the first of a two-part story. Despite it being About An Issue (Roseanne's sister is the victim of Domestic Violence, so Roseanne's hubby Takes The Law Into His Own Hands, to whoops and cheers from the studio audience), the programme remains solidly rooted in its characters and their humour ("What's happened to Aunt Jackie?" "Some say environment but I think she was born that way.")

The actors are all deft, low-key performers, particularly John Goodman, Roseanne Arnold herself, and Laurel Metcalf as their daughter.

BEST FILMS

TODAY
Clockwise, GB 1986 (BBC1, 7pm)
Life on a String, China/GB/Ger 1991 (C4 10.30pm)
TOMORROW
Hobson's Choice, GB 1954 (C4 12.40pm)
MONDAY
Gone With the Wind, US 1939 (BBC1 2.15pm)
Great Balls of Fire!, US 1989 (BBC2 10.30pm)
TUESDAY
A Place in the Sun, US 1951 (BBC1 1.50pm)
WEDNESDAY
Letter From an Unknown Woman, US 1948 (BBC2 4pm)
THURSDAY
The Dark Mirror, US 1946 (BBC2 4pm)

BEST SPORT

TODAY
Racing: 2.000 Guineas (C4, 3.40pm)
Rugby Special: Pilkington Cup final (BBC2, 5.45pm)
MONDAY
World snooker final (BBC2, 2.15pm, 7.20pm)
WEDNESDAY
ABA finals (BBC1, 10.15pm). *WBA welterweight championship* (ITV 10.45pm)

SCHLOCK

TOMORROW
Jilly Cooper's Riders (ITV 9pm; Part 2 Mon).

The man who susses what The Kids want

Ever been shocked by *The Word*? David Stevenson explains Channel 4's tactics to woo younger viewers



WHAT do The Kids want? Not even The Kids know that: we're too busy *doing* it most of the time. It's up to people like David Stevenson at Channel 4 to immerse himself so deeply in youth culture that he'll know six months or a year in advance what The Kids will be wanting to watch. It was Stevenson who gave us *The Word*.

"*The Word* is a very *honest* programme," he says. (We're in a curry house around the corner from Channel 4. Apparently the Channel X — Jonathan Ross's TV company — crowd hang out here.) "On *That's Life*, they'll show you a potato that's shaped like a willy. On *The Word* we'll show you a willy that's shaped like a potato. We're not pretending to educate or inform: it's just a bit of slap and tickle on a Friday night. Young people know it's all for fun, it's older people who get pious about it all."

The Word, which has sadly ended its current run on Channel 4, has seen enough controversy to wallpaper the inside of a Tardis. High points — or low points, depending on a) how old you are and b) how drunk you were while watching — included a man stuffing a condom up his nose and pulling it out through his mouth, a man locked in a washing-machine, and the Jim Rose circus sideshow (Rose vomits into glasses and gets audience members to drink it).

"I can't see what people's problem with *The Word* is," Stevenson says. "It's not like anyone's going to copy what they see."



Last *Word*: from left, Terry Christian, Kate Puckrick, Mark Lamarr and Dani Behr

STEVENSON's long and winding road to his post as assistant editor for youth programming started with a role as producer. He went for a job at Radio 1 to produce a daytime show, and was given a lecture by "a menopausal bloke in a jumper" as to what was "hip and happening" in Britain at that time. So Stevenson walked out and made a documentary, called *Hang the DJ*, with the help of Harry Enfield's deeply creepy Mike Smash character.

"A lot of broadcasting institutions look down on, uh, The Kids," he says. "Without wanting to sound like I have been marched into an office every day and brainwashed, Channel 4 is different from everybody else. We want to bring [illegible] and keep presenting them with different things."

But how *can* a thirtysomething Scottish expatriate, with a (presumably) large pay cheque, keep up with what The Kids want? By having a good time.

"Without wanting to sound like a paedophile, I do hang around with young people a lot," Stevenson says. "I go clubbing: when I first came to London from Scotland I went out clubbing every night. People just want to get out of their faces; it's just that younger people have more time to do it."

Yeah, but The Kids don't *just* want to get out of their faces... when the hangover breaks next morning and the best part of a week, you'll be wanting to watch some TV that's not entirely made up of bright, flickering lights and people shouting "Yeh".

Between the ages of 16-25, you need more information than you'll ever need again at any point in your life. *The Word* may be "a bit of slap and tickle on a Friday night", but it's not exactly helping anyone out, is it?

"Oh, it's not supposed to," Stevenson says. "I can't really say anything more about *The Word* at the moment, because we will be making a decision about another series next month.

"But, reflecting Channel 4's diversity, with next season's scheduling we are moving ture. With something like *Eurotrash*, we are becoming more... thoughtful."

Eurotrash is a good example of how Stevenson's job works. "When the production company pitched *Eurotrash* to me, they had Antoine de Caunes as presenter. I suggested they have Jean Paul Gaultier as co-presenter, which they loved and went along with. I'm kind of there to hone good ideas; help the talent meet the talent."

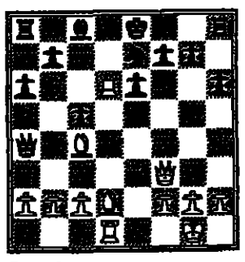
At least we are unlikely to see Jean Paul Gaultier stuff a condom up his nose this autumn.

CAITLIN MORAN

● *Caitlin Moran is involved with a proposed new youth series for*

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is taken from the game Turzo — Gelzenis, Bern 1991. Black's king is caught in the centre, not yet having found time to escape to safety by castling. How did white exploit this?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer and the winners will be printed in *The Times* on the following Saturday.

Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Qxh7+. The winners are: T.J. Harrison, Thornton-Cleveleys; H. Pandeya, Edgbaston; L. Page, Leigh-On-Sea.

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

TUGURY
a. Prophecy by eating turf
b. A cottage or hut
c. Half a maniple

MACUTE
a. An obtuse angle
b. Angola currency

RANTIZE
a. To baptise by sprinkling
b. To hop like a frog
c. To rant and roar

CONCETTISM
a. Literary pretentiousness
b. Furnished with a conch-shell
c. Extravagant guesses

Answers below. If they come

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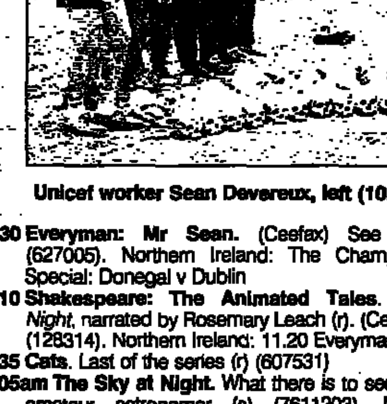
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SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (70227)
7.30 Opposites Attract (r) (s) (2906685) **7.40 Charlie Chalk** (r) (2988821) **7.55 Playdays** (r) (5920043) **8.15 Rupert the Bear** (r) (7793111) **8.20 Smoggies** (1687024) **8.45 Favourite Songs** (r) (6193550)
9.10 News and weather (9497376) **9.15 In Touch with Healing**. Frances Young talks to Tony Chard about living with the HIV virus (r) (3528668)
9.30 This is the Day Goes Coast to Coast. *Judy Merry travels east to west from St Bees Head to Robin Hood Bay* (s) (73753)
10.00 See Hear! Includes a discussion on bilingualism as a tool for educating deaf children (s) (49869)
10.30 Deutschland Heute. A portrait of contemporary Mainz (9399024) **10.45 Italianissimo** (r) (9394579)
11.00 Work is a Four Letter Word. Communicating skills at the workplace (r) (6937) **11.30 Business Matters** (r). (Ceefax) (7666)
12.00 A Cook's Tour of France. Mireille Johnston samples the cuisine of Limousin and Auvergne (r). (Ceefax) (s) (35005). Wales (to 1.00pm) Rugby Special Wales **12.30** ***CountryFile***. *Subjects* include maggot farming and drift netting (1222840) **12.55 Weather** (18505753)
1.00 News (77641821) **1.05 On the Record** with Jonathan Dimbleby and John Cole (1667111)
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus (r). (Ceefax) (s) (40598)
3.00 Film: Arabesque (1966) starring Gregory Peck and Sophia Loren. Spy thriller about an Oxford professor who finds his life is in danger after agreeing to *decipher some hieroglyphics*. Directed by Stanley Donen (52532666) **4.40 Cartoon** (8330531)
4.50 The Eurovision Song Contest Preview. The first of two programmes (s) (4677685)
5.35 Masterchef. East of England heat of the amateur cooks contest. (Ceefax) (943227)
6.10 News with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (959024)
6.25 Praise Be! Favourite hymns (293869)
7.00 Last Of the Summer Wine (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3482)
7.30 The Alleyn Mysteries: Final Curtain. Ngaio Marsh's urbane policeman investigates the murder of a man who recently commissioned an artist to paint his portrait. Starring Patrick Malahide and Belinda Lang. (Ceefax) *(s) (16063376)*
9.10 A Year In Provence. Episode ten of the 12-part series. (Ceefax) (s) (450734)
9.45 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (369531)
10.00 Mastermind. The third semi-final, from Bath. The specialist subjects are German armoured fighting vehicles 1939-1945, the California gold rush, Brunel, and model railways in Britain, 1920-1990 (s) (36734)

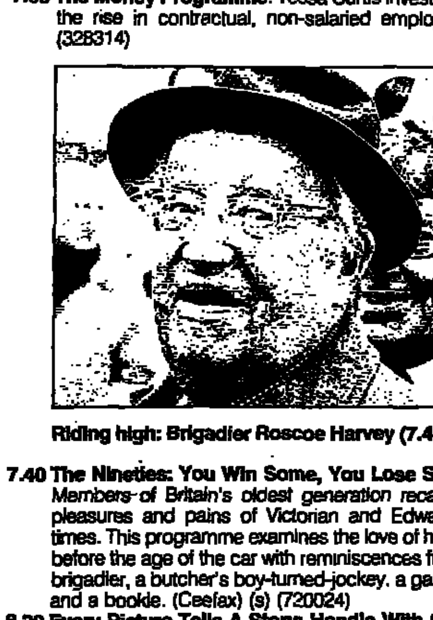


Unicef worker Sean Devereux, left (10.30pm)

10.30 Everyman: Mr Sean. (Ceefax) See Choice (627005). Northern Ireland: The Championship Special: Donegal v Dublin
11.10 Shakespeare: The Animated Tales. *Twelfth Night*, narrated by Rosemary Leach (r). (Ceefax) (s) (128314). Northern Ireland: 11.20 Everyman
11.35 Cats. Last of the series (r) (607531)
12.05am The Sky at Night. What there is to see for the amateur astronomer (s) (7611203). Northern Ireland: 12.00 Shakespeare's Animated Tales *12.30-12.50 The Sky at Night*
12.25 Weather (3427593)

BBC2

6.40 Open University
9.10 Thundercats. Cartoon adventures (r) (7562734) **9.30 Jonny Briggs**. Episode five of the 13-part serial (r) (2002395)
9.45 The Movie Game. Film and video quiz for school teams (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2713956) **10.10 Rugrats**. Cartoon (s) (5735734)
10.35 Grange Hill. Episode five of the original nine-part serial (r) (6599956) **11.00 Blue Peter Omnibus** (r) (s) *(1041314)* **11.50 The O-Zone**. Pop music magazine (s) (8423111)
12.00 Regional Westminster Programmes (33647). Wales: Week In Week Out; Northern Ireland: Rare *Breeds 12.15 Start Your Own Religion*
12.30 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.35** Rugby League: highlights of yesterday's Silk Cup Challenge Cup final between Widnes and Wigan at Wembley; **1.00** Basketball, the semi-finals of the Carlsberg championship; **1.45** Rugby Union: highlights of the Pilkington Cup final played yesterday between Leicester and Harlequins at Twickenham; **2.15** Snooker: frames one to four of the final of the Embassy world professional championship. Followed by Hockey: the Royal Bank of Scotland Hockey Association Cup final between *Hounslow and Teddington at Milton Keynes*; Snooker: frames five to seven; Hockey: from Milton Keynes; and Basketball: the final of the Carlsberg Championship (3243376)
6.20 Ocean Challenge. Julian Pettifer reports on the round the world British Steel Challenge, the Hobart to Cape Town leg (276192)
7.00 The Money Programme. Tessa Curtis investigates the rise in contractual, non-salaried employment (328314)



Riding high: Brigadier Roscoe Harvey (7.40pm)

7.40 The Nineties: You Win Some, You Lose Some. *Members of Britain's oldest generation recall the* pleasures and pains of Victorian and Edwardian times. This programme examines the love of horses before the age of the car with reminiscences from a brigadier, a butcher's boy-turned-jockey, a gambler and a bookie. (Ceefax) (s) (720024)
8.20 Every Picture Tells A Story: Handle With Care. The story of the journeys of Titian's *The Rape of Europa*, now in the hands of a colourful American heiress Isabella Stewart Gardner. (Ceefax) *(593192)*
9.05 World Snooker. Frames eight to 16 of the Embassy world professional championship (s) (74980376)
11.30 Film: The Grissom Gang (1971) starring Kim *Darby and Tony Musante. A fast-moving and violent* version of James Hadley Chase's novel *No Orchids For Miss Blandish* about the 1930s kidnapping of a Kansas City heiress by the notorious Grissom gang. Directed by Robert Aldrich (60441647). Ends **1.40**

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CHOICE

Jilly Cooper's Riders
ITV, 9.00pm

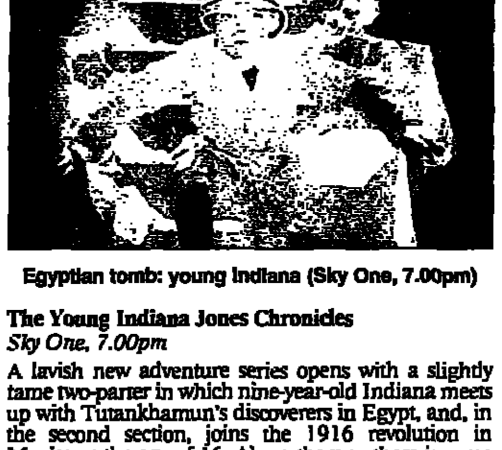
Jilly Cooper's sparkling novel falls horribly flat in this disappointing adaptation. Gone are the jokes, the *subtleties, the rollicking pace. Instead we have* cardboard characters, stilted dialogue and a plot so condensed it is no longer plausible. The sex and horses theme is at least intact. Gypsy Jake Lovell and aristocrat Rupert Campbell-Black are still arch rivals and Rupert continues to mount more women than horses. It is sad though that Marcus Gilbert's Rupert is so dull and Michael Praed's Jake so lacking in passion. To be fair, tomorrow's concluding part is more fun, offering non-stop sex and hysterical outbursts.

Defenders of the Wild: Tigers of Thailand
Channel 4, 7.00pm

In an alarming report, the documentary series focuses on the findings of two defenders of the tiger, Thailand National Park ranger, Pe Arun, and Taiwanese investigator Rebecca Chen. There are fewer than 5,000 tigers left in the wild and in Thailand, less than 200, so there is an increasing urgency about their work. Arun is fighting to prevent poachers shooting the beasts, while Chen, born in the Year of the Tiger as *she tells us, goes undercover in Taiwan's capital, Tai* Pai, as a buyer. It seems that everywhere she looks there is evidence of the tiger's demise — its bones sold for their supposed medicinal properties, even its penis brewed up in an expensive soup.

Everyman: Mr Sean
BBC1, 10.30pm

This moving film traces the brief but significant overseas career of a British aid worker. Sean Devereux was only 24 years old when he began working in Liberia as a mission teacher. When his school was forced to close, he joined the United Nations's disaster *relief programme. Four years later, while working for* Unicef in Somalia, he was shot dead by a hired gunman. On the same day, January 2, 1993, his mother dreamt that his soul had departed from his body. Producer Richard Alwyn brings us footage of Devereux at work. His courage as he picks through a field of skulls or speaks out against local corruption, is inspiring, but the fact that Sean was never afraid to state his views, probably cost him his life.



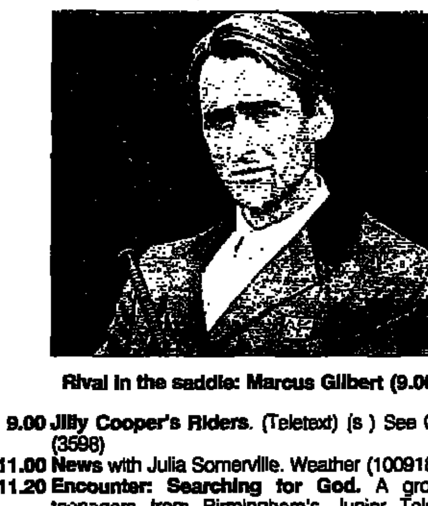
Egyptian tomb: young Indiana (Sky One, 7.00pm)

The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles
Sky One, 7.00pm

A lavish new adventure series opens with a slightly tame two-parter in which nine-year-old Indiana meets up with Tutankhamun's discoverers in Egypt, and, in the second section, joins the 1916 revolution in Mexico at the age of 16. Along the way there is some pointed name-dropping with our hero bumping into T.E. Lawrence in Egypt and meeting a young Lieutenant George Patton in Mexico. Later episodes feature none too subtle introductions to further historical figures. More importantly though, we are promised guest actors including Harrison Ford himself, and a fine line-up of directors. The Egypt section tonight was directed by *Jewel in the Crown's* Jim O'Brien, and Nicolas Roeg, Gavin Millar and David Hare are all to come. George Lucas is the executive producer throughout. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV Includes **News** and weather at **6.30** (83558956)
8.55 Disney Club. Last in the series presented by Andrea Boardman, Paul Hendy and Richard Orford. The guests include Firebirds and Two Unlimited (23191096)
10.45 Link. Magazine on disabled matters presented by Siân Vasey. Includes a profile of Manchester singer/songwriter Ian Stanton, a disabled performer with an international following. (Teletext) (s) (9389647)
11.00 Morning Worship. Sung mass from St George's Roman Catholic Church, Worcester (53550)
12.00 This Sunday. *Magazine series with a religious* slant, presented by Paul Heiney and Jenni Murray (20173)
12.30 An Invitation To Remember. Veteran actor Leslie *Phillips recalls his career that began 58 years ago at* the London Palladium (79937). Followed by regional weather
1.00 News and weather (75233314)
1.10 Walden. Brian Walden, on the eve of the local elections, asks the environment minister, Michael Howard, whether the government has castrated local councils (s) (5412192)
2.00 The Smurfs. Cartoon adventures (4734)
2.30 The Match*. Ian St John introduces coverage of the* first division top-of-the-table game between Swindon Town and West Ham United. The commentator is Brian Moore, with Portsmouth manager Jim Smith (944666)
5.00 Gardening Roadshow presented by Jeni Barnett. This week the team work wonders with a mobile home garden and visit the Cambridgeshire home of actress Ruth Madoc. With Roddy Llewellyn, Daphne *Foulsham and Anthony Hern. (Teletext) (4091753)*
5.45 Cartoon Time (826869)
6.00 London Tonight with Fiona Foster. Sport and weather (683579)
6.20 News and weather (387918)
6.30 Watching. Romantic comedy starring Emma Wray, Paul Bown and Liza Tarbuck (r). (Teletext) (31)
7.00 Surprise, Surprise. Cilla Black with more of the unexpected for the unsuspecting studio audience *and a flabbergasted viewer. (Teletext) (s) (4463)*
8.00 Heartbeat. Drama series, set in the 1960s, about a former London policeman and his doctor wife now living and working on the North Yorkshire Moors. Starring Nick Berry and Niamh Cusack. (Teletext) (s) (3111)

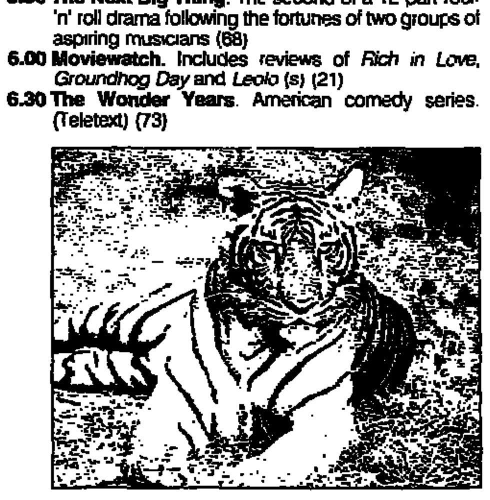


Rival in the saddle: Marcus Gilbert (9.00pm)

9.00 Jilly Cooper's Riders. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (3598)
11.00 News with Julia Somerville. Weather (100918)
11.20 Encounter: Searching for God. A group of teenagers from Birmingham's Junior Television Workshop set out to find if God exists (843111)
11.50 Cue the Music. Mike Mansfield introduces Chris De Burgh in concert (155208)
12.55 TXT. Topical chat and music show (9605067)
1.55 Summerrock. *Guitarist Albert Collins and the* Icebreakers in concert (8481222)
2.55 European Life. Magazine series (8116672)
3.30 European Snooker League. Steve Davis v Ronnie O'Sullivan (15628)
5.30 ITN Morning News (50154). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (5205956) **6.55 Spiff and Hercules** (8489802) **7.05 The Wombles** (r) (1750531) **7.10 Widget**. Cartoon series (s) (5681550) **7.35 Sharky and George** (9120192) **8.05 Doug**. Animation (1370111)
8.30 The Adventures of Tintin (57227) **9.00 California Dreams**. Episode two of the serial about the ups and downs of a rock band (s) (48579) **9.30 Dennis** (r) (2097463)
9.45 Flipper. The friendly dolphin warns of an approaching tidal wave — but nobody believes him (962096) **10.15 The Lone Ranger** (b/w). Vintage western adventures (512735)
10.45 Land of the Giants*. Science fiction drama series (r)* (288314) **11.45 Little House on the Prairie** (1307937)
12.40 Film: Hobson's Choice (1954, b/w) starring *Charles Laughton, John Mills and Brenda de* Banzie. Superb adaptation of Harold Brighouse's play, set in the 1890s, about how a tyrannical Lancashire bootmaker is brought down to earth by his daughter and her simple-minded husband. Directed by David Lean (18996192)
2.40 Film: Morning Departure (1951, b/w) starring John Mills. Stiff-upper-lip drama about a submarine struck by a mine. There are 12 crewmen on board *but only eight can escape. Directed by Roy Baker.* (Teletext) (88884050)
4.35 Table Tennis. A short film about the beauties of the game (8318840)
4.50 The Northumberland Castles Challenge introduced by Steve Cram. The second of three races, this one against the background of Bamburgh Castle (7244482)
5.25 News summary and weather (8782208)
5.30 The Next Big Thing*. The second of a 12-part rock* 'n' roll drama following the fortunes of two groups of aspiring musicians (68)
6.00 Moviewatch. Includes reviews of *Rich in Love, Groundhog Day* and *Leolo* (s) (21)
6.30 The Wonder Years. American comedy series. (Teletext) (73)



Man-hunt: the tiger faces extinction (7.00pm)

7.00 Defenders of the Wild: Tigers of Thailand (Teletext) (s) See Choice (2005)
8.00 Very Jean Muir. The second of a three-part portrait of the internationally famous dress designer. (Teletext) (s) *(5840)*
8.30 Streetlegal presented by Patricia Hewitt. Magazine series investigating Britain's legal system. This week's edition includes a look at how the legal aid system is open to widespread abuse by unscrupulous solicitors and barristers (1647)
9.00 Film: Popeye (1980). The Robin Williams season continues with this big-screen version of the strip cartoon character. With Shelley Duvall as Olive Oyl. Directed by Robert Altman. (Teletext) (64193173)
10.50 Red Empire. The third of a seven-part documentary series tracing the development of the Soviet Union focuses on the rise of Stalin and the fall of Trotsky (r) *(733005)*
11.50 Film: Layla Ma Raison (1989). An Arab romantic drama in the *Africa on Africa* season about an unrequited love that sends a man mad. Starring Safy Boutella and Anca Nicola. Directed by Taleb Louhichi (465918). Ends at **1.30am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Shoot the Video (1224208) **2.00-2.30** Bullseye (4734) **5.15** Digging Deep (4096208) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News (683579) **11.50** The Twilight Zone (621111) **12.20** Quiz Night (8251883) **12.50** Cinema,Cinema, Cinema (3433154) **1.20** *Film: I Want You (731135)* **3.10** Entertainment UK (7343390) **4.05** Cue the Music (2708870) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (21203)

BORDER
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardener's Diary (1224208) **2.00** Challenge of the Seas (4734) **2.30** Film: The Spirit of St Louis (74823631) **4.45** Cartoon Time (8316482) **5.00** Scotsport (7821) **6.00-6.20** The Border Week (955208) *11.50 Love at First Sight* (621111) **12.20** Quiz Night (8251883) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3433154) **1.20** Film: I Want You (731135) **3.10** Entertainment UK (7343390) **4.05** Cue the Music (2708870) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (21203)

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Central Newsweek (1224208) **2.00** Earthfile (12647227) **2.15-2.45** *Coach (302208)* **5.05** Wanted: Dead or Alive (4467111) **5.35-6.20** Highway to Heaven (644444) **11.50** Prisoner Cell Block H (144482) **12.45** Liza and Friends (903222) **1.45** Cue the Music (909406) **2.45** ITV Chart Show (923086) **3.45** Short Story Theatre (95845) **4.15** Jobfinder (8280280) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6098593)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.25-1.00 Chalte Chalte (7063937) **2.00** Granada Action (4734) **2.30** A First Class County (50) **3.00** Film: Goodbye, My Lady (54904173) **4.45** Coronation Street (150192) *5.45 Strictly* Classified (934956) **6.15-6.20** Granada News (399753) **11.50** Love at First Sight (621111) **12.20** Quiz Night (8251883) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3433154) **1.20** *Film: I Want You (731135)* **3.10** Entertainment UK (7343390) **4.05** Cue the Music (2708870) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30-1.00 HTV Weekend (79937) **2.00-2.45** Wrestling (2624647) **5.15-6.20** Highway to Heaven (157005) **11.50** Love at First Sight (621111) **12.20** Quiz Night (8251883) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3433154) **1.20** Film: I Want You *(731135) 3.10 Entertainment UK (7343390)* **4.05** Cue the Music (2708870) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (21203)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 Playback **2.45** Soccer Sunday **3.45-5.15** Film. Pippi Goes On Board

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.30 Meridian This Week (1682192) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (21208821) **2.00-2.30** Wanted: Dead or Alive (4734) **4.55** Beverly Hills 90210 (4652376) **5.45-6.20** Fit to Win (934956) **11.50** ITV Chart Show (867821) **12.50** Film: Sebastian (797390) **2.45** The Climax Blues Band (8776690) **3.40** Kojak (1747680) **4.35-5.00** Videofashion (13719777)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25 Dans (7527686) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees News (21208821) **2.00** Film: Chips, the War Dog (5781314) **2.55** Film: The Sun Also Rises (74848840) **5.20** Survival (9531734) **5.50-6.20** The Back Page (922482) **11.50** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (867821) **12.50** Quiz Night (3433154) **1.20** Memories of 1984 (6177883) **2.25** Film: Geat (31030609) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Westcountry Update (1224208) **2.00** Film: North to Alaska (64135111) **4.20** Highway to *Heaven (1768734) 5.15 Brief Encounters* (935685) **5.45-6.20** Heart of the Country (934956) **11.50** Love at First Sight (621111) **12.20** Quiz Night (8251883) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3433154) **1.20** Film: I Want You (731135) **3.10** Entertainment UK (4825992) **4.05** Cue the Music (9377628) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (21203)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25 The Littlest Hobo (7527686) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News (21208821) **2.00** Film. Chips, the War Dog (5781314) **2.55** Film: The Sun Also Rises (Tyrone Power, Ava Gardner, Errol Flynn) (74848840) **5.20** Survival (9531734) **5.50-6.20** Calendar (913734) **11.50** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (867821) **12.50** Quiz Night (3433154) **1.20** Memories of 1984 (6177883) **2.25** Film: Geat (31030609) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (1647654)

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Starts: 7.05 The Wombles (1750531) **7.10** Widget (5681550) **7.35** Sharky and George (9120192) **8.05** Doug (1370111) **8.30** Tintin (57227) **9.00** Jelfin (48579) **9.30** Dennis (2097463) **9.45** Flipper (962096) **10.15** The Lone Ranger (512735) **10.45** Land Of The Giants (288314) **11.45** Little House on the Prairie (284598) **12.45** *Mork and Mindy* (312685) **1.15** Eena, Indiana (319598) **1.45** Fraggle Earth (554869) **2.45** Film: Jason and the Argonauts (89234591) **4.40** After Arthur Minsky Died (8306005) **5.00** Dechrau Canu *Dechrau Canmol (6956)* **5.30** Pobol Y Cwm (14120111) **7.15** Fe Hoffwn I (913463) **7.45** Hel Straeon (912734) **8.15** Newyddion (901227) **8.20** Sadh Dwmod Ar Y Sul (605531) **8.35** Snwcer (855579) **9.15** Llygad Am Lygad (565005) **10.00** True Stories (43734) **11.30** E.N.G. (122260) **12.25-1.10** High Interest (1208883)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Hour of Power (60937) **7.00** Fun Factory (90181) **9.00** Windsurfing (103482) **11.30** The Brady Bunch (16918) **12.00** WWF Challenge (71096) **1.00pm** Robin of Sherwood (14024) **2.00** The Love Boat (82598) **3.00** Xposure (5983) **3.30** Fashion TV (5111) *4.00 UK Top 40 (39869) 5.00 All American* Wrestling (4753) **6.00** The Simpsons (94260) **7.00** The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles: See Choice (64043) **8.00** Princess Daisy: First of a two-part mini series (51579) **10.00** Wiseguy (63314) **11.00** Hill Street Blues (98547) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (72260) **6.30** News and Business Report (603192) **9.30** Talking with David Frost. Sir Anthony Hopkins (84647) **10.30** Talking with David Frost (68111) **11.30** The National Gallery — A Private View (86395) **12.30pm** *Financial Times* Reports (79227) **1.30** Target (70956) *2.30 Roving* Report (88192) **3.30** The Lords (97111) **4.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (8444) **5.00** Live at Five (74289) **6.30** Roving Report (96111) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (9173) **9.30** *Target (87024) 10.30 Roving Report (90376)* **11.30** ABC News (86885) **12.30am** Those Were The Days (12628) **1.30** ABC News (65593) **2.30** Target (71203) **3.30** ABC News (83048) **4.30** The National Gallery (88834) **5.30-6.00** Beyond 2000 (98338)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (41598)
8.00 The Last Escape (1970) Stuart Whitman attempts to smuggle a scientist out of Germany (66550)
10.00 Caddie Woodlawn A tomboy foils an ambush on Dakota Indians (20685)
12.00 Lightning, The White Stallion (1986): Mickey Rooney and two children *enter a horse race (56173)*
2.00pm Safari 3000 (1982) David Carradine takes part in a rally (793531)
3.50 Tell Me No Lies (1991): Steven Weber learns that his dead wife is not his stepson's mother (478005) **5.30 Xposure** (9550)
6.00 Joe Versus the Volcano (1990). Comedy fable in which Tom Hanks offers himself as a sacrifice (34802)
8.00 Boyz 'n' the Hood (1991) Drama about the lives of three boyhood friends in *Los Angeles. Starring Cuba Gooding Jr*, Larry Fishburne and Ice Cube (46647)
10.00 Die Hard 2 (1990): Bruce Willis combats airport terrorists (57518753)
12.05am The King of New York (1990). Starring Christopher Walken (636169)

2.00 Mutant Hunt (1987): A 21st-century hero exterminates killer cyborgs (19680)
4.00 He Said, She Said (1991): Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth Perkins star as rival journalists (36796). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Appointment in Honduras (1953): Jungle adventure starring Glenn Ford and Ann Sheridan (3986956)
5.20 The Mummy (1932, b/w) Boris Karloff sheds his bandages (8969043)
6.45 The Cowboys (1972): John Wayne hires schoolboys for a cattle drive (83494856)
8.50 The Right Stuff (1983). Drama about *the birth of the American space programme* (61259918). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Snow White and the Seven Dwarves (1987) Fairy-tale (32840)
8.00 Return to Paradise (1953): Gary Cooper falls in love (64192)
10.00 Harvey Middleman, Fireman (1965) Comedy starring Gene Troobnick as an amorous firefighter (28227)
12.00 A Reason for Living: The Jill Ireland Story (1991). Jill Clayburgh stars as the late actress (87043)
2.00pm The Big Picture (1989): Kevin Bacon's film is put through the Hollywood *mangle. With Jennifer Jason Leigh (52208)*
4.00 Frank Einstein: Cartoon (22579)
5.00 The New Adventures of Robin Hood: Animation (7463)
6.00 Stockade (1990) Martin Sheen taunts prisoner Charlie Sheen (32444)
8.00 Filofax (1990): James Belushi assumes the identity of Charles Grodin (44269)
10.00 Flatliners (1990) Medical students experiment with death. Starring Kiefer Sutherland and Julia Roberts (715005)
11.55 The Road Home (1989). Donald Sutherland helps violent teenager Adam Horovitz (13882531)
2.00am Mister Frost (1990) Serial killer Jeff Goldblum tries to persuade Alan Bates that he is the devil (17222)
4.00 Nighthawks (1979): *Sylvester Stallone* and Billy Dee Williams track terrorist Rutger Hauer (743558). Ends at **5.40**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am *Fishing the West* (90531) **7.00** Rugby League Academy (41753) **9.00** Windsurfing (45005) **9.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (72647) **10.00** Goals on Sunday (20260) **11.00** Red Line (40024) **12.00** Golf: Cannes Open (974192) **3.00pm** Super Sunday — Preview (52734) **4.00** Super Sunday. Aston Villa v Oldham Athletic (3289) **6.00** Super Sunday — Talkback (84482) **7.00** National Basketball Final (32005) **9.00** US PGA Golf: Houston Open (35258) **11.00** Golf: Cannes Open (39096) **1.00-3.00am** Super Sunday (as 3pm) (85721)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (26444) **8.00** ATP *Tennis, Atlanta (69032) 10.00 Rally of Tunisia* (55956) **11.00** Motorcycling: Spanish Grand Prix (750314) **1.30pm** Superbikes (60802) **2.00** Ice Hockey (134227) **4.30** WTA Ladies Tennis (115192) **7.00** ATP Tennis, Atlanta (837802) **9.30** WTA Ladies Tennis (32598) **10.30** German Touring Cars (75666) **11.30-12.30am** Spanish Grand Prix (13753)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (35852173) **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (35680956) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (1976227) **7.00** Chocky's Challenge (4974983) **7.30** Owl TV (1924668) **8.00** Lassie (8423005) **8.30** Rentaghost (8422376) **9.00** Dr Who: Carnival *of Monsters (1977956) 11.00 Film. Because* He's My Friend (1978) starring Karen Black (75531227) **12.40pm** Film: This Happy Breed (1944) with Celia Johnson (34303314) **2.30** Sharon and Elsie (4914314) **3.00** The Bill Omnibus (1239821) **5.30** Anne of Avonlea (3553289) **6.30** The District Nurse (4906395) **7.00** Sorry! (4529821) **7.30** Sharon and Elsie (4902579) **8.00** A Horseman Riding By (4241937) **9.00** Film: Remo Unarmed and Dangerous (1985) with Joel Grey (4244024) **11.00** Film: Heartbreakers (1984) with Peter Coyote (1313802) **12.40am** The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (6961970) **1.10** Colin's Sandwich *(9120845) 1.40-2.00 Video Bites (50844951)*

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (33821) **7.00** The Berenstain Bears (19753) **7.30** Kaboodle (98260) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (97482) **8.30** RatKan II (898208) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (98550) **12.00** Dungeons and Dragons (37598) **1.00pm** Okavango (13918) **2.00** 3,2,1 Contact (3208) **2.30** The *BarkJays (2208) 3.00 Chicken Minute (5043)* **3.30** Round the Bend (7753) **4.00** The River Kings (88173) **5.00** Kaits and Dog (7260) **5.30** Fifteen (6024) **6.00-7.00** Fame (26482)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Market Economies in Russia and China *6.55 Weather*
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: Brahms (Tragic Overture); Hindemith (Ballet suite, Nobilissima Visione); Bizet *(Carmen, Suite No 1)*; Beethoven (Symphony No 8 in F); Mendelssohn (Overture, The Hebrides, Fingal's Cave); Elgar (Cello Concerto in E *minor: Timothy Hugh)*
9.00 News 9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: Berlioz (Overture, Le carnaval romain); Morley (Now is the month of *Maying*); *Verdelot (Ultimi mei* sospiro); Hassler (Tanzen und Springen); **9.24** Artist of the Week: Pinchas Zukerman, violin, plays Vivaldi (Concerto *in F for three violins, RV551)*; Hellmesberger (Ballszenen); Maxwell Davies (Suite, The Boyfriend); Saint-Saëns (Allegro appassionato in C sharp minor, Op 70); *Chabrier* (España); Rodrigo (Concierto de Aranjuez); **10.47** *Composer of the Week* preview: Debussy (Danse sacrée et danse profane); Bridge (Summer), Britten, arr Bream (Courtly Dances, Gloriana); Schubert (Rondo in A, D438); Verdi (Il *Trovatore, Act 3)*
12.00 Spirit of the Age: Trevor Pinnock talks about his role as director of the English Concert and introduces a selection of their recordings **1.00pm News**
1.05 Table Talk: See Choice
1.20 BBC Scottish SO under Fedor Glushchenko performs Barber (Essay No 2); Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 2 in G minor: Mikhail Rudy); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 3 in D, Polish)
2.55 Dawn Upshaw, soprano, Gilbert Kalish, piano, perform Haydn (She never told her love; Fidelity; The Mermaid's Song); Schumann (Liederkreis, Op 39); *Mussorgsky (Five* songs from The Nursery); Ives (The Children's Hour, Memories; Tom Sails Away; The Cage; The Circus Band; Songs My Mother Taught Me); lullabies by Falla, Montsalvatge, Brahms and Szymanowski
4.25 Boccherini and Beethoven: Boccherini (String Quintet in D minor, G280); Beethoven (Clarinet Trio in B flat) (r)
5.10 From Meditation to Liberation: In the first programme of a month-long series reviewing the year 1968, Professor David McLellan considers the role of religious thought in the late 1960s
5.40 A Breath of Virtuosity: Nicholas Daniel, oboe; City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox perform John Gardner (Oboe Concerto); Strauss (Oboe Concerto)
6.25 Lindsay Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in F minor, Op 55 No 2, Razor); Mendelssohn (String Quartet in A minor, Op 13) (r)
7.30 Sunday Play: The Ruling Class, by Peter Barnes. Simon Callow stars as the 14th Earl of Gurney. A loving and gentle man, he is thought to be insane. When he becomes murderous and sadistic, society treats him as normal
9.40 BBC Welsh SO under Otaka performs Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor: Ralph Kirshbaum); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor)
11.25 Music in Our Time: In the first of four programmes devoted to the music of 1968, Ben Watson explores the development of Free Jazz
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday from St Barnabas Church, Bromborough, Wirral **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** The Living World (r) **7.40** Sunday **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Dr Thérèse Vannier, founder of the UK L'Arche communities, appeals for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of adults with learning difficulties **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America (r)
9.30 Morning Service from St Margaret's Parish Church, Burnage, Manchester
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus
11.15 News Stand, with Sebastian Scott
11.30 Pick of the Week (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's castaway is the film director John Boorman **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend, with James Cox **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: A postbag edition
2.30 Classic Serial: Children of the Dead End, by Patrick MacGill
3.30 Trumpets and Foie Gras: *Roderick Graham celebrates the life of Sydney Smith (r)*
4.00 News; The Thin Blue Line: James Naughtie reports on the United Nations peacekeeping force (r)
4.47 Treasure Islands, presented by Michael Rosen. Julia Eccleshare discusses how books help in coming to terms with death and bereavement
5.00 News; A Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides: Martyn Wiley and Ian McMillan follow in the footsteps of Dr Samuel Johnson and James Boswell (4/6) (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! Simon Rae hosts the first round of a poetry quiz to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Poetry Library in London. Peter Porter and Elaine Feinstein compete against Anthony Thwaite and Anne Harvey **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 The Village (r)
6.30 Wilko's Spain: Tony Wilkinson spends a week with *Area*, the local paper for La Linea on the border with Gibraltar (r)
7.00 In Business, presented by Peter Day (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to Ruth Prawer Jhabvala (r)
8.00 Biggles and the Long Haul: Martin Wainwright goes in search of the enigmatic figures *of Major James Bigglesworth* and his creator, W.E. Johns (r)
8.30 Reading Aloud: Underfoot in Showbusiness, by Helene Hanff. Read by Rosemary Leach
9.00 The Natural History Programme, presented by Kelvin Boot (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather **10.00 News**
10.15 Farewell, Fleet Street: The third of four documentaries on the newspaper industry. How *did, and do, newspapers* balance the pursuit of truth against the danger of inaccuracy and what was, and is, the role of political bias?
11.00 In Committee
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Singing the Faith. Ian Bradley continues his exploration of hymns through the works of Isaac *Watts, Charles Wesley*, John Newton and William Cowper
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.20 Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Table Talk: Leah Chase. *Radio 3, 1.05pm.*
Chase, owner of New Orleans's best-known black restaurant, is not sure why her garlic mushroom *and shrimp speciality is called* Clemenceau. But she knows how she expects her customers to dress. Nobody in shorts gets served. "I may look like heck myself in my kitchen", she says, "but I don't want my customers to look like heck, too". Michael Jackson *used to eat at her place.* That is before he became famous. Now, it is only the rest of the Jacksons who dine there — plus, it seems, everyone else in New Orleans who recognises perfection in Creole cuisine.

Radio 2 Young Musician 1993. *Radio 2, 4.00pm.*
It is the third year of this national competition for instrumentalists in classical and light music, and the field has been whittled down to 12 *semi-finalists. We hear the first two today*, the flautist Gareth Davies, 21, from Guildford, Surrey, and the clarinettist Sarah Miller, 22, from Fareham, Hampshire. Will they end up among the three finalists on July 12? With playing as good as this, who would want to be one of the four judges? **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and **MW**. **4.00am** Neale James (**FM** only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1FM **2.30** Rockline with Neale James **4.00** The UK Top 40 with Bruno Brookes **7.00** The Official 1FM Album Chart with Lynn Parsons **8.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **10.00** Gary Davies (**FM** only from **12.00**) **1.00-4.00am** Claire Sturgess (**FM** only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon **7.00** Pam Rhodes **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Hayes on Sunday **12.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell with Sounds Easy **4.00** Radio 2 Young Musician 1993: See Choice **4.30** Sing Something Simple (r) **5.00** Charlie Chester **7.00** Richard Baker **8.30** Sunday Half Hour from Holy Trinity Church, Llandrindod Wells, Powys **9.00** Alan Keith **10.00** Radio 2 *Arts Programme: Arts in the sixties* **12.05am** John Terrett **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **2.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** The Spring Queen (2/4) **10.00** Johnnie Walker **11.30** Fantasy Football League **12.40pm** Open Forum *1.00 Sunday Sport. Cricket Lavinia*, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v Australia from Arundel; Snooker; Football: Aston Villa v Oldham **7.20** Open University. New Curiosity Shop — The Curious Scientist; **7.40** Art Works — Talking About the Enlightenment; **8.00** Gombrich on Art History; **8.20** Talking About the Enlightenment, **8.40** Access to Maths — Starting Countdown; **9.00** Open Forum. **9.20** Literature — Meaning and Interpretation; **9.40** Women's Studies — *Mothers and Daughters* **10.10** Across the Line **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in **BST**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Sunday Feature; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Seeing Stars **5.45** Pop the Question **6.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Printer's Devil **7.30** *Jazz for the Asking* **8.00** News **8.30** From Our Own Correspondent **8.50** Write On **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Classics with Kay **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Review **10.15** Seeing Stars **10.30** Folk Routes **10.45** Sport **11.01** Science in Action **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and Press Review in German **Noon** News **12.30pm** The Ken Bruce Show **1.01** Play of the Week. Phoenix **2.00** News **3.01** Heritage **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News and Features in German **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** The Language of Flowers **5.45** Letter from America **6.00** BBC English **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** In the Steps of Rachmaninov **8.30** Europa Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Folk Routes **9.30** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Seeing Stars **11.30** Letter from America **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Review **12.15** Classics with Kay **1.00** News **1.30** In Praise of God **2.01** Breakfast of Champions **2.15** The Making of the Middle East **2.45** World Bandstand **3.00** News **3.30** Composer of the Month: Berlioz **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Romance **12.00** Celebrity Choice **1.00pm** Nicky Horne **3.00** Robert Booth **7.00** Authentic Performance **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Contemporary Classics **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Kevin Greening **2.00pm** Richard Skinner **4.00** The Virgin-Lebatt's Album Chart with Russ Williams **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **1.00am** Wendy Lloyd **3.00-6.00** Sandy Beach

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man accused of Luton shootings

A man has been charged with murdering Marina Turvey and her seven-month-old daughter Charlene, who were shot dead in Luton on Friday. The man, David John Edwards, 21, from Luton, Bedfordshire, has also been charged with attempted murder, which is thought to relate to Mrs Turvey's husband John.

Mr Edwards, who has been reported to be a former boy friend of Mrs Turvey, is expected to appear before magistrates at Luton tomorrow. Mrs Turvey, 22, was shot in the head as she and her husband walked with Charlene near their home. A gunman also fired at Mr Turvey and missed before he seized the baby and drove off in a white van. Charlene's body was found later near Luton airport. Yesterday relatives of the dead woman and residents in the street where she was shot left flowers and cards at the scene.

Murder charge

A 27-year-old local man was charged yesterday with the murder of Debbie Burton, 35, the housewife stabbed to death as she walked her two dogs near Marston on Dove, Derbyshire, last Tuesday. He is due to appear before magistrates at Derby today. Police arrested him on Wednesday and have refused to disclose his name.

Baby found abandoned

A baby found abandoned hours after birth was recovering in hospital yesterday as police intensified their search for his mother. The boy, named Scott by nurses, had severe hypothermia when found by two boys behind garages in Newmains, Strathclyde, on Saturday. Det Insp John Boyle said: "I am very worried about the mother."

Sir Roy 'knew of illness'



The wife of Sir Roy Watts, left, the Thames Water chief who has been missing since last Tuesday, was reported yesterday as saying that his disappearance was not prompted by his discovery that he had Parkinson's disease. Lady Watts said she and her husband had known for two years that he had Parkinson's or a similiar disease and he has been perfectly happy. Police investigations are continuing.

Dalai Lama arrives

The Dalai Lama arrived in London last night for a two-week visit in which he will give public talks on the ancient wisdom of his homeland. Tibet's exiled spiritual leader will also meet politicians, church leaders and receive two honorary degrees. Tickets for a series of lectures at Wembley Conference Centre this weekend have sold out.

Blast shuts Sizewell

An explosion and small fire shut down a reactor at Sizewell A power station yesterday but posed no radiation threat, Nuclear Electric said. A high-voltage fault caused the accident in a transformer at the National Grid Company's plant in Suffolk at about 8.30am, the Nuclear Electric statement said.

Major's fortunes look bleak for county council polls and Newbury



ADRIAN BROOKS

Pedal for power: Jim Wallis, the Green party candidate in the Newbury by-election, campaigns using environment-friendly transport

Ministers fear rout in the shires

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

■ Ministers are intensifying their county council election campaign, trying to minimise predicted losses in the Tory marginals

SENIOR Tories are bracing themselves for a string of defeats and possible loss of control of large areas of the English shires in the county council elections on Thursday. Ministers fear the party could lose control of up to 12 of the 18 counties currently held.

Although the government believes that recent economic optimism may prevent the results from being as bad as was expected a month ago, it accepts that it has come too late to stave off many damaging losses. One cabinet minister said last night the results "would reflect the fact that we have been in recession. It may be that the improvements will not filter through in time."

Ministers believe, however, that there are still many votes to be won in the final three days of campaigning and there will be a concerted effort to save those counties seen as being in greatest jeopardy.

The heaviest Tory campaigning will be in the Midlands, which has four of the party's most vulnerable counties, and the Home Counties, where loss of control in traditionally safe areas would be particularly embarrassing.

In the Midlands, Warwickshire, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire and Hereford and Worcester would fall to Labour with only a 3 per cent swing away from the Tories, or to the Liberal Democrats with a 5 point change.

Essex and Kent are equally susceptible to a small swing, while East Sussex and Hertfordshire would fall to Labour with a 6 per cent move, or to the Liberal Democrats with a 5 per cent swing.

Dorset, Somerset and Devon are other Tory-controlled counties that could change hands if there is a marked vote against the government. If polling goes heavily against the Tories, they could lose their grip on East Anglia, with a 6 per cent swing to Labour bringing Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire under control of John Smith's party.

A MORI poll for *The Times* last week (see below) suggested that in the 47 shire areas voting on Thursday, the Conservatives had only 31 per cent support, compared with 40 per cent support before the last county council elections in 1989. The Liberal Democrats had 28 per cent backing (22 per cent in 1989) and Labour 37 per cent (35 per cent).

Another illustration of government concern is the cautious references to the 1989 results. The cabinet minister said that this week's results "had to be compared with four years ago, when we were doing pretty well".

Ministers admit that strong criticism of Norman Lamont's Budget plans to add VAT to domestic fuel bills has overshadowed the government's key campaign message that Labour councils lead to higher council tax bills. The two main parties each claim their councils reduce the annual charge by £100, but one minister admitted "people have become confused and the message is not getting home".

The media has been criticised by the government for failing to take "sustained interest" in local campaign issues. John Redwood, the local government minister, said yesterday: "I hope the press will bore people with too much coverage in the last few days of the campaign rather than ignore the local issues that have more effect on people than much of what is talked about at Westminster."

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Newbury voters say no to Maastricht

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THREE in four people in Newbury who responded to a canvass of opinion on the Maastricht treaty ahead of Thursday's by-election are opposed to its ratification by the United Kingdom.

The canvass, carried out for *The Times* by the Electoral Reform Society, found that nearly 4,000 people in the west Berkshire constituency are opposed to the proposals for closer European union, which are backed by the leaders of the three main parties.

The figures will be used by those campaigning for a Maastricht referendum to support their argument that the country's political establishment is out of step with a big slice of popular opinion. The 3,700 people opposed to Maastricht represent three quarters of the 4,904 valid papers returned in a postal survey of the 43,000 households in the seat where the Tories are defending a 12,000 majority.

The 76 per cent opposition to the treaty is higher than the narrow majority against it identified by opinion polls. The new figure probably reflects the fact that the treaty's critics feel more strongly about it than its supporters and are therefore more inclined to return a voting slip.

The high proportion of people rejecting the treaty also reflects the absence of "Don't Knows" among those replying to the canvass.

The Liberal Democrats favouring a referendum on Maastricht while supporting the treaty, and five fringe candidates in the by-election either back a plebiscite or oppose the treaty.

The result of the *Times* canvass will be used in the final few days of the campaign to intensify the pressure on Julian Davidson, the Tory candidate defending a 12,000 majority.

People were asked if the Maastricht treaty should be ratified in the United Kingdom. The full results are: "Yes" 1,186 (24.2 per cent); "No" 3,718 (75.8 per cent).

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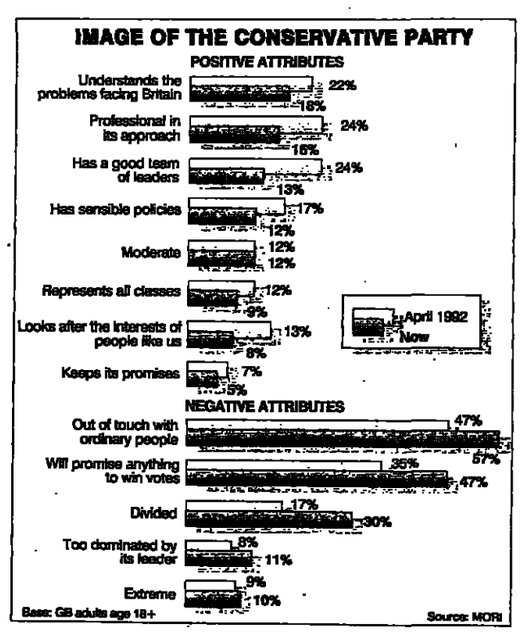
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Tory image fades since election

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THE public image of the Tory party has declined in almost every respect in the year since the general election and is now less favourable than Labour's.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times* shows the Tories have poorer ratings than Labour on all but one of 14 yardsticks of party image, ranging from being out of touch to representing all classes. The sole exception is being professional in its approach.

That is a reversal of the pattern for the Thatcher years when the Tories were ahead of Labour on most of those attributes, such as having a good team of leaders and sensible policies. The exceptions were the more populist indicators, such as looking after "people like us" and being out of touch.

Under John Major, the Tory image — as expressed by whether it has a good team of leaders, has sensible policies and is professional in its approach — has been battered. Only about a tenth of the public now regard the Tory party as too dominated by its leader, compared with well over a half who did during the Thatcher era.

The party's image has suffered from the policy reversals and setbacks since the general election. Only one in 20 of the public believes the party will keep its promises, while nearly a half thinks it will promise anything to win votes.

The Tories are also regarded as much more divided than they were, even in the period of Baroness Thatcher's forced departure. The party's image among its own supporters has also been damaged. Just a third believe it has sensible policies and only a tenth think the party keeps its promises.

Labour does not inspire much more confidence among voters on several key indicators, such as keeping promises, moderation, and having a good team of leaders. However, its image on a number of damaging measures, such as party division and being extreme, has improved considerably since the late 1980s, a trend that has continued since the replacement of Neil Kinnock by John Smith as leader last July. Otherwise, the change has made little difference to the party's overall image, though many fewer regard Labour as too dominated by its leader than did just before the last general election.

More voters regard the Liberal Democrats as being too dominated by Paddy Ashdown than believe either the Tories or Labour are too dominated by their leaders.

The Liberal Democrats are generally regarded as being half-way between the Tories and Labour on several measures, though they are seen as more moderate, less extreme and less divided than either of the two larger parties and less inclined to promise anything to win voters. They are also rated most highly on having sensible policies.

MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,912 adults at 147 constituency sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face to face between April 22 and 26. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population.

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Conservatives scrap May Day holiday

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will now be broken." Mr Chalphin called for Britain's eight fixed bank holidays to be deregulated. "We should keep the eight days as holidays, but employees should be free to negotiate individually when to take the days off. Non-Christians should be able to work on Christmas day while others should have the freedom to add their spring bank holidays to the end of their summer vacation."

Industry was also badly disrupted by having to close down for the holidays. "It is such a burden because the bank holidays really mean shutting down for a four-day period, which involves very expensive maintenance costs."

Mr Chalphin denied that his proposal was a devious way of reducing employees' holiday rights. "There is no question of snatching the bank holidays, which will be protected in law anyway."

However, the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union (AEEU) plans to press employers to retain the May Day bank holiday. Jimmy Airlie, an AEEU executive member, said: "We will be insisting with employers, including Ford, that the May Day holiday is retained. We aim to scupper the Tory attempt to stop workers in Britain enjoying the same right as workers throughout the world."

Britain has one of the smallest numbers of bank holidays in the industrialised world. The British worker has only eight compared with 18 in Japan, 17 in Hong Kong and 13 in Germany.

Europhiles complain that by abolishing May Day in favour of Trafalgar day, the government is placing its contempt for international socialism above European solidarity. Sir Reginald Hibbert, who learnt to smooth over Anglo-French tensions as Britain's ambassador to France in the early Thatcher years, thought France would not be amused.

☐ British Airways short-haul cabin crews at Gatwick airport began a 24-hour strike over pay and conditions yesterday. A BA spokesman said that 4,000 passengers were affected by the strike of 250 staff. Half were flown via Stansted and the rest on other airlines at Gatwick.

A Gatwick spokesman said that the expected hoards of people waiting to check in failed to materialise. He said: "Things are running pretty smoothly. BA have got their contingency plans in place."

☐ Dozens of homes were flooded yesterday as flash floods caused by heavy rain hit parts of Kent, including Lamberhurst, Paddock Wood, Doddington and Teynham.

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CORRECTION

The former Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, wishes to point out that although he will not seek any pastoral responsibilities in the Roman Catholic Church, he will seek Catholic orders. This is contrary to the sub-heading of a report in *The Times* on Saturday.

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